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Political Parties In More Lenient Mood

NO HOPE FOR MISSING IN YOLANDE WRECK

No hope now is entertained for the nine Chinese missing in the Yolande disaster, according to wireless messages received from H.M.S. Capetown in Hong Kong this morning.

They were reported missing before the Capetown's splendid rescue feat started.

Fifty-six survivors, including Mlle. Yolande Bertin, daughter of the master, proceeded across country for a distance of four miles, and were safely taken aboard the Capetown at Yung Ching Bay at seven o'clock last night. All are well and uninjured.

It is revealed that the Yolande was under charter to the Kailin Mining Administration. She grounded in Betley Cove at 1 a.m. on Saturday, declined assistance offered by H.M.S. Sandwich, but began to break up on the following day and Capetown was sent to her assistance.

FOREPART DISAPPEARS

All efforts to pass a line on Sunday night failed, but on Monday an improvised breeches buoy was connected, and rescue proceeded without hitch. Chinese villagers and Customs officials rendering every possible assistance.

The wreck is breaking up rapidly and the forepart has already disappeared.

DANGER OF LOCAL PETROL INSTALLATIONS

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan will ask the following questions:

1.—Will Government state what is the number of liquid fuel storage tanks in the immediate vicinity of residential districts, both Hong Kong and Kowloon, giving the number separately and their respective localities?

2.—Does Government agree the public

that these tanks are potential sources of danger to the localities, either from accidental fire or from destructive missiles in time of war?

3.—If the answer to question (2) is in the affirmative, will Government consider the desirability of removing tanks as speedily as possible to outlying districts, where they will constitute a source of danger?

MORE LENIENT

Informed circles regard the attitude of the parties as somewhat more lenient yesterday afternoon, when it was intimated that they had become convinced that for reasons of international prestige a Government crisis must be avoided at all costs.

The Foreign Minister and the War Minister both reiterated before the Budget Committee in the House of Representatives that Japan is determined to bring the campaign in China to a successful conclusion.

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2.—Does Government agree the public

Tokyo, To-day. The Japanese Parliament has now passed the law for the State control of all electrical works and has taken favourable action on the China War budget of 4,850,000,000 Yen so that its approval to-day is assured.

These steps are interpreted as indicating a slight relief in the tension between the Government and the two strong political parties, but even optimists hesitate to declare that an internal crisis has been avoided.

Whether the Konoye Cabinet will be forced to resign depends entirely on whether the parties alter their attitude towards the National Mobilisation Bill, since the Cabinet has made its further co-operation with Parliament conditional upon the Bill being accepted in its entirety.

NO PEACE MOVES

Mr. Hirota declared that no peace negotiations with China are in progress. He stated that there would be no possibility of third power intervention in the future, since Japan has declined to recognise or enter into negotiations with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek — Trans-Ocean.

SUBMARINE JUNK MASSACRE QUESTIONS

Failure to publish the Report on the submarine junk sinking episode is to be challenged in Legislative Council to-morrow by the Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, who will ask the following questions:

With reference to the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on the 7th day of October, 1937, for the purpose of enquiring into and establishing the facts in relation to the alleged sinking of certain fishing junks the survivors of which were brought into Hong Kong on board the s.s. Scharnhorst and s.s. Kaying:

1. What is the date of the Commissioners' Report?
2. Is it the intention of Government to publish the Report for the information of the public, and if so, when?
3. If it is not the intention of Government to publish the Report, will Government state the reasons for not publishing the same?

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Apple Flan

Take $\frac{1}{2}$ lb short pastry, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb apples, sugar, few cloves, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint packet cherry jelly crystals, $\frac{1}{4}$ pint hot water, lemon rind, cream.

Dissolve the jelly crystals in the hot water and leave until cold and just beginning to set. Prepare the apples for stewing and cut into rather thin slices. Cook them in a pie-dish in the oven with sugar and plenty of water, add cloves and lemon rind to flavour, and be very careful to keep the slices whole. When cooked, leave until cold. Roll out the pastry. Grease a flan-ring, place it on a greased baking sheet, and line it. Trim and decorate the edge. (If a flan-ring is not available, use a sandwich tin.) Place a round of buttered paper in the bottom of the pastry, and shake in some rice. Bake in a hot oven for about fifteen to twenty minutes, then remove the paper and rice and place the pastry on a sieve to cool. When cold, arrange the apple slices in rings in the flan and pour over sufficient jelly to cover. When quite set, decorate with whipped cream.

Apples and Tapioca

Take 1 lb apples, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb tapioca, nutmeg, 1 teaspoonful salt; 1 pint water, 1 oz shredded suet or butter, sugar to sweeten.

Wash the tapioca in several waters, allow it to soak for an hour in the pint of water, put into a pie-dish with the suet or butter. Cover and bake in the oven until the tapioca is clear; stir in salt;

peel, core, and cut the apples in quarters, set on top of the tapioca with round side uppermost, sprinkle over sugar and nutmeg; cover, and bake in the oven until the apples are soft. Serve with cream or custard, if liked.

Apple Souffle Pie

Take $\frac{1}{2}$ lb apples, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dessert-spoonfuls sugar, 1 tablespoonful water, grated rind $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, 3 egg-yolks, and 4 whites, 1 oz butter, 1 oz flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ pint milk, 1 tablespoonful castor sugar, short pastry.

Prepare the apples and stew them till they are tender with the one and a half dessert-spoonfuls of sugar and water. Then mash them up finely or rub them through a sieve, and let them cool. Roll out the pastry and line the rim and halfway down a pie-dish with it. Trim the edge and decorate the rim with small circles of pastry, damping the latter to make them adhere. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the flour, and, when they are well blended, stir in the milk and bring the sauce to the boil. Cook the mixture until it leaves the sides of the pan, keeping it well stirred. Then draw it aside to cool it slightly. Add the grated lemon rind and castor sugar. Beat in the egg-yolks one at a time, then add one gill of the apple pulp before folding in the stiffly-whisked egg-whites. Butter the unlined part of the pie-dish, and glaze the pastry by brushing it with milk. Turn in the mixture and bake in a very hot oven at first, lessening the heat as soon as the pastry is set.

Danish Apple Trifle

Take 4 good-sized apples, 1 teacupful brown or white breadcrumbs, 1 clove, sugar to taste, whipped cream, red currant jelly, butter.

Peel, core, and slice the apples and cook until soft with the sugar and clove. Fry breadcrumbs until crisp in some butter and a dessert-spoonful of sugar. Cool crumbs. Put a layer of apples at the bottom of a glass dish, then a layer of crumbs, and repeat. To make this a "special" sweet, a tablespoonful of sherry may be sprinkled between layers. Cover with stiffly whipped cream, which should be smoothed over with a palette knife. Decorate (by piping in lattice fashion with red currant jelly or raspberry jam).

Apple Betty

Take 6 apples, 4 tablespoonfuls sugar, rind of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, butter, golden syrup, slices of stale bread.

Peel and core the apples; add lemon rind, sugar, and a little water. Cook till clear and soft. Remove the crusts from the bread. Dip the slices of bread into melted butter and syrup and line a pie-dish evenly with it, wedging triangular pieces in at the corners. Pour in the cool stewed apple. Cover with slices of bread dipped in butter and syrup. Bake in a hot oven till bread is brown. Turn out on to a hot dish. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Serve with custard.

Apple Amber

Take 1 lb stewed apples, 3 tablespoonfuls brown sugar, 1 egg, 1 oz but-



ter, some short pastry.

Stew the apples together with the brown sugar. Add the butter and the egg-yolk and beat well in. Line a pie-dish with pastry, add the apple mixture, and bake in a moderate oven till set. Whip the egg-white stiffly and add two dessert-spoonfuls of white sugar, and with this cover the top of the apples. Place the dish back in the oven until the meringue has browned lightly on top.

Apple Delight

Take 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz rice, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz sugar, grated rind $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk, 1 egg-yolk, 1 small tin pineapple rings, 3 large apples, 3 glace cherries.

FOR THE SYRUP

One gill pineapple juice, 1 gill water, 4 oz loaf sugar, 1 teaspoonful arrowroot, lemon juice, cochineal.

Cook the rice with the lemon rind and milk until quite thick. Cool slightly and add the egg-yolk to bind, add the sugar, and spread on a plate to cool and set. When cold, cut into rounds a quarter of an inch smaller than the pineapple rounds, and put on to the pineapple. Place on this the apples, previously baked with sugar, and a little butter, but not broken. Fill the centre with chopped pineapple and coat with prepared syrup. Place a glace cherry on top of each.

To make the syrup, dissolve the sugar in the liquid and boil for ten minutes. Add the arrowroot, blended with a little water, and cook for seven minutes, stirring well.

Apple and Brown Bread Pudding

Take 2 cupfuls chopped apples, 2 cupfuls brown breadcrumbs, two-thirds cupful finely chopped suet, 1 cupful milk, 1 tablespoonful flour, 1 cupful raisins, 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt.

Mix breadcrumbs and apples together. Add suet, stoned chopped raisins, the beaten egg mixed with milk, flour, and salt. Mix well. Steam in a buttered mould for two hours. Serve with custard sauce.

SELF-SUPPORTING

It is amusing to think that "boned" bodices have returned to fashion. One famous designer, at least, is using bones in the bodices of debutantes' evening gowns, to keep them trim and slim-fitting. Not hard bones, of course, but just light strips that hold the "top" closely to the figure, and give the essentially slender line that is emphasized by the bouffant skirt.

Moire is a favourite material for a frock of this type, and the bodice can be without visible means of support, because the bones will make it "stay put". Of course, if shoulder straps are desired, they may be added.

YESTERDAY'S JOINT

It is often difficult to know how best to use the remain of yesterday's food. Such food must not be wasted, and here are a few suggestions for its rehabilitation.

SAVOURY JELLY

Make neat slices of meat from the remnants of beef, mutton, veal, or poultry, freed from all inedible parts. Hard-boil one egg. Melt a packet of aspic jelly. Slice the hard-boiled egg and use to line a wetted mould. Just cover with the liquid jelly and stand in a pan of cold water till the jelly is set. Then fill the mould with the slices of meat, seasoning each layer of slices. With beef add scraped horseradish. With mutton add chopped mint, with veal add chopped thyme and grated lemon rind. With poultry add, if possible, some slices of ham, bacon, or cooked sausage. Cover with the melted jelly, and turn out when set. This is an excellent cold supper dish, best served with a salad.

A RAGOUT

Use remnants of boiled beef for this dish, the more underdone the meat the better. Cut it into nice pieces. In a walnut of butter fry a couple of sliced onions. To them add a generous tablespoon of flour and brown it. Add a half-pint of stock or gravy, a tablespoon of vinegar, and a seasoning of salt, pepper, and made mustard. Put in the meat, and cook gently till it is thoroughly heated through.

SCALLOPS

Left-over tongue and boiled potato can be used. Butter well some scallop shells. Cut into shreds a pound of cold boiled potatoes, and from this half fill the shells. Grate up about 4 oz of tongue, using lean pieces. Have ready a level teaspoon of chopped shallots or chives, and same measure of chopped parsley. Put a layer of tongue over the potato and sprinkle with the herbs. Then take a teacup of white sauce, mix into it a pinch of mace and a tablespoon of cream, and put this mixture over the tongue. Season with pepper and salt, cover with a final thin layer of potato, set dabs of butter on top, and bake with scallops in a moderate oven.

ROCK GARDENS IN MINIATURE

A novel decoration for the dinner-table when flowers are scarce, is found in the everlasting rock gardens which are becoming so popular with modern hostesses. The pieces can be built up, too, into a miniature rock garden with all the brightness of a real garden, but with the obvious advantage that in the winter they do not fade, but remain gray and colourful as ever.

The flowers are a reproduction of actual rock plants, in bloom, and are made of pieces of rock from the hillsides. The stone is specially prepared to give the flowers their natural form and colour, which can be restored by soaking in cold water.

Some of these rock gardens have real moss in the crevices at the rock base. They look very charming as a centre piece for a dining-table where candles are used, and are a decided change from the metal and glass flowers which have been so fashionable lately.



Tips Of Beauty

If your upper arms are red and rough, here is a treatment that will soften and whiten them. Buy some green soft soap from the chemist, a couple of ounces of almond oil, and use your own favourite skin food or cold cream.

First of all massage the arms with a little of the oil. Then work up a good lather of soap and warm water and rub that in. If you have one, massage it in with a rubber nail brush. Put a knob of cream in your hand, work into it a little of the green soft soap, and apply it generously to the skin. Again work in with the rubber brush. Use a light circular movement. Wash off and rinse with several cool waters. Dab on some calomine lotion. Allow it to dry and leave on overnight.

Incidentally, this is also good treatment for discoloured backs and shoulders. In that case you need a friend to help with the massage.

Don't Do It!

I get many letters from girls who want to make themselves blondes at home. And, alternatively, girls who want to turn their brown hair jet black, or make a similar drastic change.

My considered advice is, don't do it. Bleaching is a professional's job as many girls have found out to their cost, when their amateur applications of peroxide and ammonia have resulted in brittle brassy hair, that looks rough and coarse.

If you want your hair bleached there are far better means than peroxide for doing it, but they all need to be applied by an expert.

It is the same with dyeing. No two heads of hair are alike. Individual treatment, or rather adaptation of a treatment is required to ensure success. It is not wise to economise on matters of this kind. In fact, it is penny wise and pound foolish.

Tidying Up Eyebrows

Then we come to tidying up the eyebrows. If you have never had your brows put in order, it is perhaps worth while to let an expert do it for the first time. After that, you can keep them tidy yourself, doing a few hairs at frequent intervals rather than leaving the brows to get straggly again over a long period.

Don't economise over the forceps. Buy a good pair and have done with it. They will last a lifetime. Remember, it is possible to get an infection when the brows are plucked unless the whole business is surgically clean.

So wash your hands in a mild antiseptic; boil the forceps and treat the skin with the antiseptic both before and after the plucking. Do not use cosmetics on the eyebrows until every trace of redness has disappeared.

Take out each hair separately. With thumb and forefinger of left hand, pinch up the skin towards the forceps, which are held with the right hand. Grip the hair where it enters the skin, and pull it evenly and quickly in the direction in which it grows.

In this way you will prevent the hair breaking off at the skin and leaving an ugly dark mark. If there are hairs over the bridge of the nose, these should be plucked upwards and outwards.

When the plucking is completed, dab the brows with calomine lotion.

To Clean Hands

If you have been doing really dirty work in house and garden and are wondering how to get your hands smooth and clean again, try this homely method. Place into one with a good hand lotion.



LUSCIOUS TOP-KNOTS. Red velvet geraniums bloom atop Suzy's newest pillbox seen above. It is of silk-like straw to match the flowers set on a circle of black patent leather. The cire streamers and the veil are black. Below, Patou sends us a diminutive hat of black stitched silk done in the 1880 manner and trimmed with a pink camellia. It is held on with a snood of black veiling over the high coiffure. That demure look is all-important for Spring.

Waistlines Hold Fashion Interest

You may have thought that the styles this winter were revealing, but when you see spring dresses, you'll know that half the figure facts have been kept back until this batch of Southern fashions came along.

Dresses hug, cling and do everything to keep out bulk, which might hide something. They're crisply short, with the skirts wide enough to show how graceful is the long, free stride of to-day's girls.

Necklines Lower

Necklines crash, down and down — this is a big fact of the new styles. We are being eased into letting our throats and some expanse of chest see daylight once more. Sleeves grip the arms, are slashed off to leave the elbows bare.

But the big climax of the dress story is right smack in the middle. The dramatic sector of styles is between the bosom and the hips. Some folks say waistlines are on the down grade; they are thinking of Main-bocher's long blouses with never a halt at the waist. Other fashion experts say waistlines are on the up and up.

They have Schiaparelli's bosom-length bolero jackets and slinkily palm a teaspoonful of castor sugar. Pour over it a few drops of olive oil, and then rub the mixture into both hands. Rinse off with soap and water, and see how much improved your hands are.

Afterwards, of course, carry on

undeviating dresses in mind.

Waistline A Wanderer

A third school of fashion thought holds that waistlines are going to stay put at normal and be played up big. Chanel and Paquin and Le long put accent on the waistline with wide corseted girdles and big impressive belts.

The lowdown is that the waistline is just a wanderer — up and down and around the body, so far as any tight and rigid mark is concerned. What we're supposed to do is dress ourselves so that the whole territory between bosom and hips looks slim, and willowy.

Main-bocher achieves wonders for femininity by making his dresses with soft bosom lines; fitted, revealing midriffs, and skirts that are full below.

Maggy Rouff brings aid by making dresses with hip-length, softly Shirred blouses which take care of the vital part of the dress silhouette. Schiaparelli does the necessary with the impeccable simple frocks and those pint-length day jacket of hers. Alix sets contrasting, hip-length front waistcoats on slim black dresses in our figure interest.

Coats also do their part to play up the middle ground of styles for spring.

Main-bocher's long, fitted coats that button in snug waistline regions and are likewise softened there by drapery are leading items. Schiaparelli gives the world long loose coats with fullness starting out between the shoulder blades.

HOUSE WRAPS

Very Fit To Be Seen'

There is an increasing tendency to adopt the American fashion of "house wraps" for wear indoors in the morning. The wraps are not by any means the rather nondescript garments slipped over ordinary frocks when household work has to be done. They are slick, smart-tailored coats of calf-length, with well-pressed revers, button fastenings in front, and neat sleeves.

Short Sleeves

Some of these coats are designed with short sleeves, which make them all the more practical from the housewife's point of view, for long ones are apt to get in the way when doing jobs about the house. A suede or kid belt in a contrasting colour adds style to the garment.

Materials are varied for this type of house coat, but plain or patterned foulard, linen, tussore, and heavy washing silk are most suitable. It is necessary, of course, to choose something that will launder well and easily.

The smock is back again, looking fresh and trim after a short absence. This is one of the neatest overalls to wear at home in the mornings, and it enables a rather worn skirt to take on a new lease of life for everyday purposes. The same materials as suggested for the house wrap will be admirable, and a touch of colour contrast may be introduced in the thread used for the smocking.

Try preparing your red currants this way. Hold the stalk in your left hand and slide the currants off by pulling the stalk through the prongs of a fork. Quickly and easily done, and no more stained fingers.

Here is an excellent recipe for French mustard:

Two tablespoonfuls mustard, 1 teaspoonful sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt. Add enough boiling water to mix.

When cold add 1 tablespoonful salad oil and enough vinegar to thin it. A few drops of tarragon vinegar is a nice addition. This will keep a few weeks.



FOR AMATEUR MECHANICS.

When you start tinkering with your car or some other piece of machinery, look out for trouble! It only needs a slip of the spanner, screw-driver, or whatever tool you happen to be using, and you find yourself with a nasty cut, graze, burn, bruise or similar injury.

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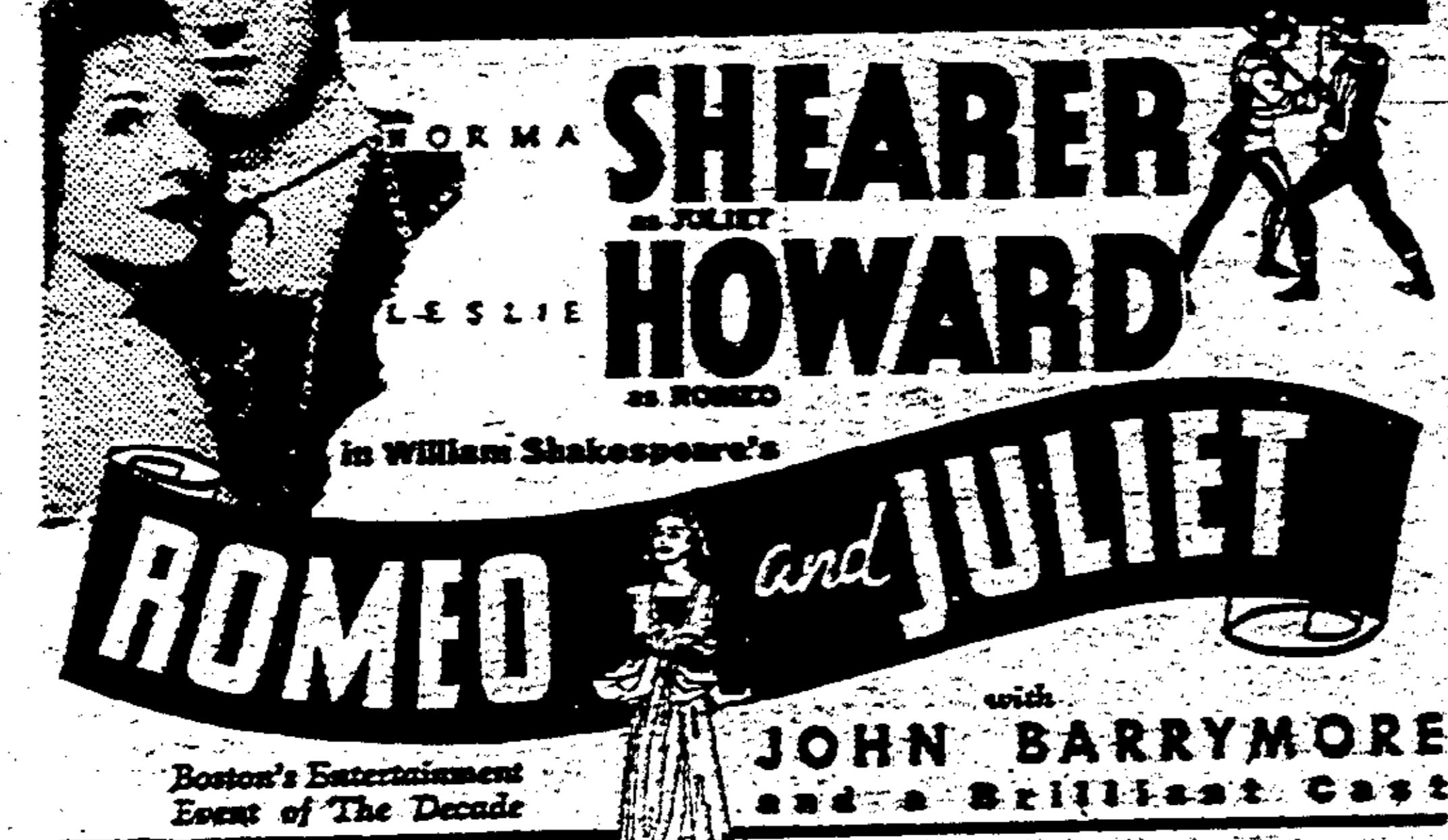
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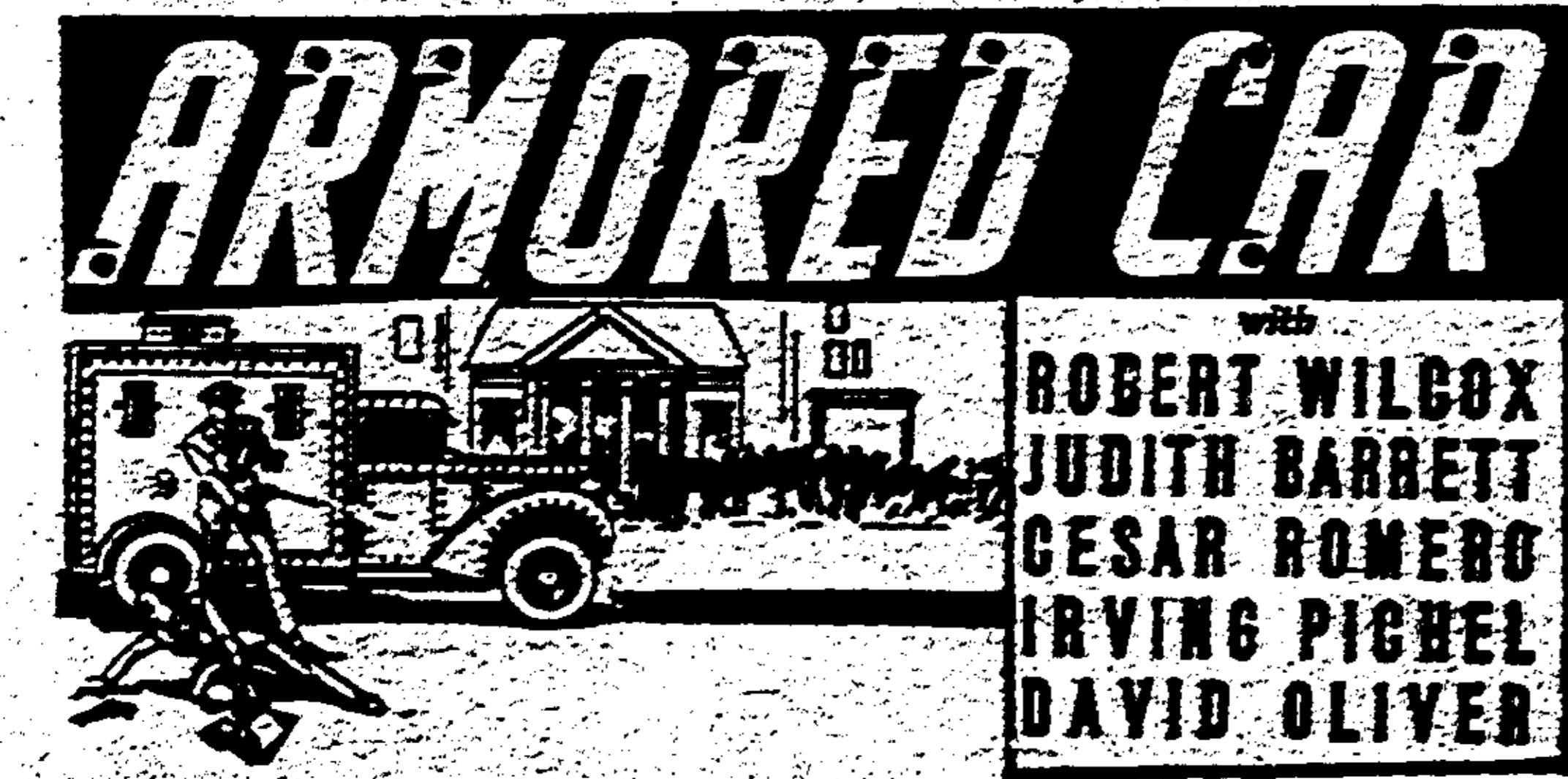
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ITALO-POLISH DISCUSSIONS

Rome, To-day.
The Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, was received by Mussolini yesterday evening at six o'clock for a conference which lasted more than one hour.

It is declared in informed circles that questions pertaining to both cause but visited the Royal tombs in the Pantheon.—Trans-Ocean.

countries were considered in connexion with their influence on the general European situation.

Col. Beck visited also the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, yesterday afternoon after performing the customary ceremony of placing a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

He departed from the usual practice in that he did not honour those who fell for the Fascist cause but visited the Royal tombs in the Pantheon.—Trans-Ocean.

IN BRITAIN'S STRENGTH LIES BEST HOPE OF PEACE, SAYS PREMIER

London, To-day.

Opening the Commons debate on defence, the Prime Minister dwelt on the significance of the fact that for four successive years the House should have had to discuss rearmament.

It was, he thought, no less significant that throughout the country there was the conviction that rearmament could not have been avoided, and that the programme must be carried through to its end.

Speaking of finance of the programme he said the figures he quoted were grave ones, and he reiterated the earnest hope for success of the Government's efforts for European appeasement, to be followed in due course by disarmament. In the meantime, there could be no relaxation of their exertions.

In a lengthy review of the activities of the Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, Mr. Chamberlain said that co-ordination, which before his appointment did exist, had been greatly strengthened and improved by Sir Thomas Inskip's efforts. In particular there had been a great speed-up in connexion with planning and strategy.

PREMIER'S PRINCIPLE

The Premier went on to describe the comprehensive enquiry that had been made to establish the relation of the defence programme to available resources of manpower, productive capacity and finance.

All these factors were closely connected with the credit of the country and the general trade balance and needed to be weighed with special care to avoid in peacetime undue interference with ordinary business.

The Government, the Premier indicated, adhered to the opinion that interference with industry should be the minimum essential because wars were not only won by arms and men but with reserve of resources and credit.

STAYING POWER

The staying power of the nation depended on maintenance of its commercial and industrial activities, and finally, finance.

Looking over the country's past history they saw that staying power had played an important part in contributing to victory.

Economic stability of a country and its possession of staying power was recognised as a powerful deterrent against attack, because unless the enemy felt able to knock out his victim by a sudden blow, and Mr. Chamberlain thought that recent experience was not very encouraging to that theory—the strongest people would hesitate to attack and risk a struggle with a country whose staying power might enable it indefinitely to prolong resistance.

PRESERVATION OF STABILITY

The Government, therefore, were determined to keep in the forefront preservation of the country's industrial and economic stability, and with that in view had in the enquiry just mentioned, taken account of all relevant considerations and factors—the international situation, the objects for which the programme was designed, productive capacity of the country, its resources in labour, particularly skilled labour, the of 8,000 marks.—Trans-Ocean.

VON WANNOW SENTENCED

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Kurt von Wannow, who swindled the Pacifist Carl von Ossietzky out of the largest part of the Nobel Peace Prize, was sentenced yesterday.

Wannow was sentenced to two years in a penitentiary and a fine of 8,000 marks.—Trans-Ocean.

KINHAN LINE DISRUPTED BY GUERRILLAS

Peiping, To-day.

The capture of Puchow, in the south-west corner of Shansi and terminus of the Taiyuan-Puchow Railway, is claimed in official Japanese despatches stating that their troops entered the town yesterday afternoon.

This gives the Japanese possession of the entire railway but large areas on either side are still in Chinese hands and it is expected it will take the Japanese a considerable time and many men to clean up the area.

Hochu, on the Yellow River, in north-west Shansi, was claimed to have been captured yesterday by the Kwantung Army in an operation from Taitung.

Japanese artillery continues to pound the Chinese positions on the Lunhai Railway from positions north of the Yellow River. Kungpien and Fzeshui stations have suffered heavily.

No Japanese attempt to cross the river in Honan has yet been made. Their artillery is also bombarding all Chinese concentrations and boats on the river to prevent attempts to recross and attack while the majority of the Japanese forces are engaged in Shansi.

KINHAN DISRUPTED

The train service from Peiping on the Kinhan Line has again been disrupted by guerrillas, who are now fighting the Japanese forces north of Chochow.

The last down train two days ago was attacked north of Paotung-fu, and two Japanese passengers were killed.

Travellers returning by road declare that large sections of the railway south of Shihchiachwang have been destroyed by guerrillas.—Reuter.

RUBBER CONTROL

London, To-day.

The Council of the Rubber Growers' Association yesterday unanimously approved the provisional revised text recommended by the International Rubber Regulation Committee of the inter-governmental agreement to regulate production of export rubber.—Reuter.

DRUG RAIDS IN WANCHAI

Nine raids were carried out by the Wanchai Police last night shortly after 8 p.m. on different premises suspected of being used as heroin and opium dens.

But, not a single person was detained or arrested.

NORWEGIAN FIRE DISASTER

Oslo, March 7. Fifty houses were completely destroyed and 200 people rendered homeless by a devastating fire in the little town of Surnadalsøra in the province of Moere.

Fanned by a strong wind, the conflagration spread rapidly, and it is estimated that property valued at 1,000,000 crowns was destroyed by the flames before they were extinguished by the local fire brigade which had been reinforced by fire squads from neighbouring towns and villages.—Trans-Ocean.

SHANSI RAILWAY WRECKED

Hankow, To-day.

High Chinese Army officials who have just returned to Hankow from the front declared to a Trans-Ocean representative that the fighting in Shansi province would develop to the advantage of China in the very future.

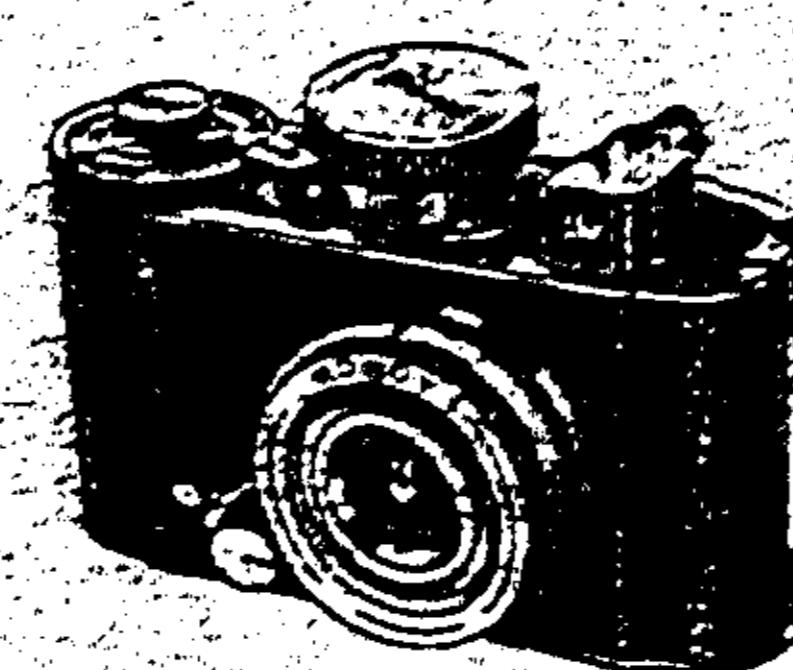
The officers' conviction seems to be confirmed by reports from the front stating that the Chinese are determined not to retreat southward to the Yellow River.

Whereas the Japanese claim to have taken complete possession of Taitung-Puchow Railway and to use it shortly for the transport of troops, the Chinese report that Chinese troops destroyed all the railway material, tracks and bridges so that the Japanese will be unable to use the railway.

The situation on the northern bank of the Yellow River is still completely undecided.—Trans-Ocean.

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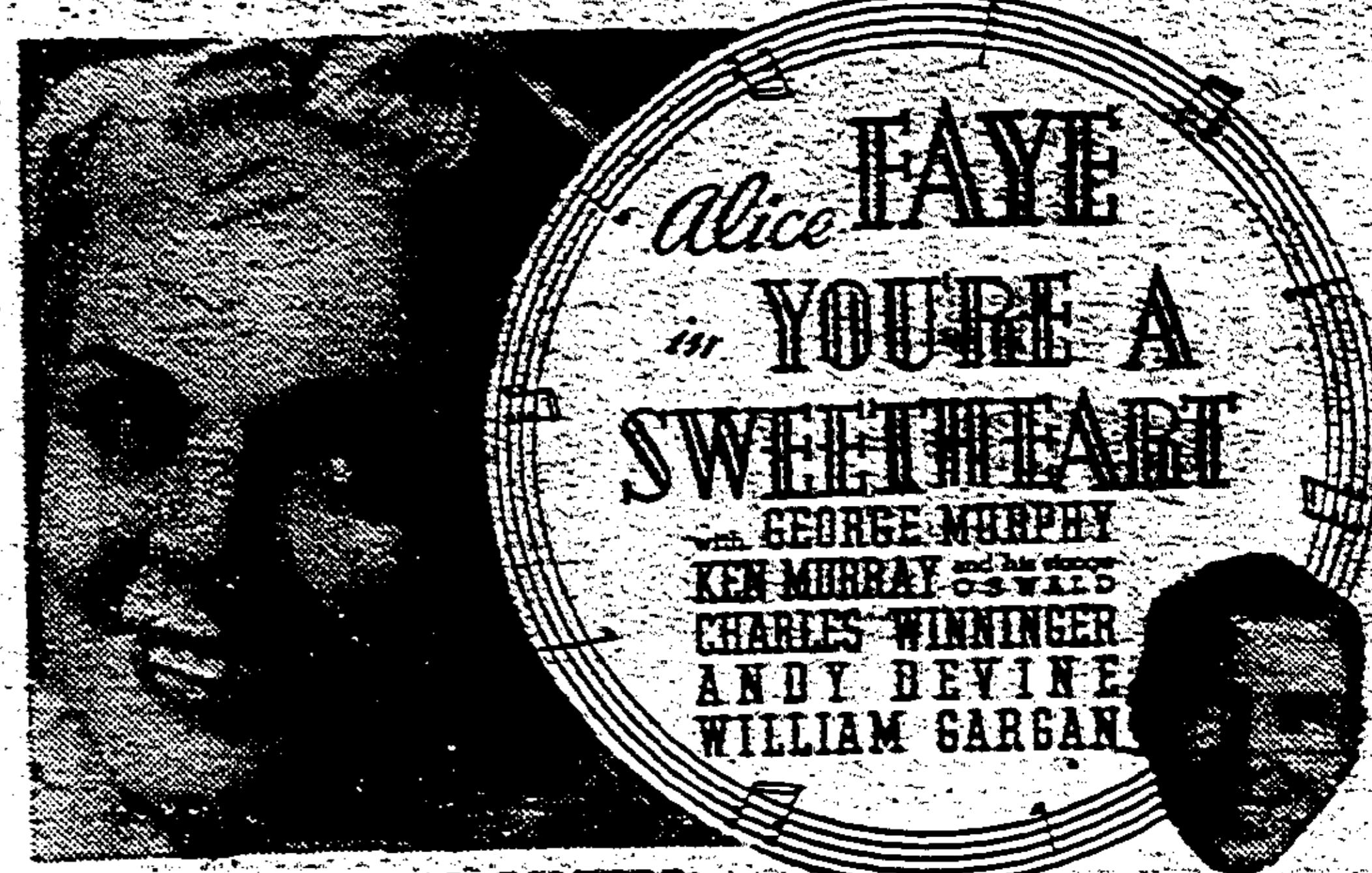
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Canton, To-day. Chinese planes are again patrolling the delta reporting on the movements of the Japanese fleet.

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TWO OFFICERS OF KOELN HURT: NAZI BRIDGE SMASHED

NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN

Oslo, To-day.
The German cruiser "Koeln," which suffered considerable damage in a severe storm on the Norwegian coast, arrived at Christiansund yesterday afternoon and will remain there until repairs have been made.

Two officers and four men of the crew were injured during the fight with the heavy gale.

One huge wave struck the vessel amidships, smashing the bridge and doing considerable damage to the lifeboats.

A Norwegian rescue ship which was sent out, arrived on the scene yesterday but was informed that assistance was not required as the cruiser could make port on her own power.—Trans-Ocean.

Graz, To-day.
Negotiations between the Styrian Provincial Government and representatives of the National Socialist party in Graz concerning the question of including National Socialists into the Government, were discontinued yesterday, no agreement having been reached.

The Governor of the Province declared that of the three mandates demanded by the Nazis, he could only grant one.

When the result of the negotiations was heard, a great mass demonstration in front of the Provincial Government Offices assembled, where the population sang "Deutschland Ueber Alles" and the Horst Wessel Song of the Party, and shouted in chorus. After having demonstrated for half an hour without interference, the crowd broke up, no unfriendly incident having occurred.—Trans-Ocean.

EDEN ON HOLIDAY

London, To-day.
The former Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, left London yesterday for a short vacation in the South of France.—Trans-Ocean.

BUKHARIN PERSISTS IN DENIAL OF PLOT TO KILL STALIN AND LENIN

Moscow, To-day.

In the course of cross-examination at yesterday's session of the treason trial, Bukharin declared that the Trotskyite plotters were prepared to conclude a military alliance with Germany or the basis of surrender of certain Soviet territories to Germany and re-taking of the pacts of mutual assistance between the Soviet and France and Czechoslovakia.

Bukharin's self-defence continued to dominate the evening session. Although Bukharin admitted general responsibility on all counts of the indictment, he persistently denied that he had plotted to kill Lenin, that he had worked for a foreign intelligence service or had ordered members of his organisation to organise peasant insurrections.

The public prosecutor, Vishinsky, announced that a committee of medical experts would be called to testify that Maxim Gorki (the author), Menzhinsky (former chief of the OGPU) and Kuibyshev were poisoned by three physicians, defendants, under instructions of members of the Bukharin bloc.

BUKHARIN'S 1918 PLAN

Madame Yakovleva, former Finance Commissar for Russia proper, and until her recent arrest the only woman member of the Government, alleged that Bukharin in 1918 plotted to overthrow the Soviet and kill Lenin, Stalin and Sverdlov.

Bukharin admitted that in 1918 the plot embraced the arrest of these three Soviet leaders, but denied he intended to kill them. He said Trotsky had initiated the plan.—Reuter.

MORE TRIALS

Moscow, To-day.

Simultaneously with the Moscow mass spy trial, more so-called Trotskyist trials are going on in various parts of Soviet Russia.

Although Moscow, as usual, is silent on the matter, details are revealed by the provincial press.

At Sheljabinsk, officials of a tractor factory are accused of Trotskyism. Near Chita, Siberia, eleven railway officials are accused of espionage on behalf of Japan.

In the town of Komsomolsk, seven young Communists, including girls, are accused.

At Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka, 17 members of the military garrison and four members of the local department of the Ministry of Interior, have been executed for sabotage of national defence and undermining of the Red Army, on the eve of the anniversary of the Red Army, February 22.—Trans-Ocean.

BUKHARIN'S STAND

Moscow, To-day.

Although Bukharin made some concessions to the public prosecutor by confessing to illegal activities, he repeatedly denied co-operating with any foreign intelligence service.

He denied plans for cession of the Ukraine and the Maritime Provinces in the Far East, and also denied knowledge of the alleged espionage of the ex-Ambassador Karakhan, who had been shot for spying on behalf of Germany.

RYKOV RELUCTANT

Rykov was very reluctant to testify against Bukharin, but Sharang.

THREE JAPANESE PLANES DOWNED

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese military positions at Chengchew were severely bombed yesterday afternoon by a fleet of Japanese bombers.

Chinese claim that they shot down three machines.—Our Own Correspondent.

govitch confirmed the allegations of the prosecutor.

Bukharin then shouted: "Sharangovitch may say what he likes. I deny it. I had nothing to do with the German or Polish intelligence services."

Observers wonder whether Bukharin will maintain his present attitude much longer, and think he may break down during to-day's proceedings, and give the prosecutor the full confession he desires.—Trans-Ocean.

CANTON'S QUIET WEEK

Canton, To-day.
Canton has just passed one of the quietest weeks since the outbreak of hostilities.

With the exception of the aerial visitation on Sunday, main objective of which appears to have been Bocca Tigris, Japanese planes have been ominously absent.

Chinese reports of a concentration of Japanese warships off Fukien, and similar rumours, have failed to excite the local populace.

Chinese officials, as well as foreign sources, expect a further respite, and in this connection the rainy weather will doubtless be an important consideration on the part of the Japanese.

Although the city is carrying on almost normally, reports from magistrates in the country districts confirm military activity there, and defence preparations are proceeding space.—Reuter.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR GIVING CLOSE STUDY TO HOUSING

Action On Eviction Scandal Now Predicted

Conferences At Government House

(“China Mail” Special)

The “China Mail” learns from authoritative quarters that the question of Government action to stop the “eviction without cause” housing scandal, is now the subject of close official scrutiny. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, whose interest in the housing and slum problem generally is well-known, is making the matter one of close personal concern and has had conferences with both officials and local residents competent to provide information on the subject.

It is understood that a further discussion has been arranged to take place at Government House this morning.

A meeting of the Legislative Council is being held to-morrow afternoon, but the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) told the “China Mail” this morning that the enquiries were not likely to be sufficiently advanced to enable the matter to be discussed at this particular meeting, unless His Excellency elected to make an announcement regarding the steps, if any, contemplated by Government.

BEFORE END OF MARCH

It is possible to predict, however, that should the Government decide that action is warranted—and there is widespread agreement that the situation has undergone a serious change for the worse since the former refusal of the Government to introduce restrictive legislation—a short Bill will be submitted to Legislative Council before the end of March.

DOMINIONS AND ANGLO-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS

London, To-day. The Prime Minister told the Commons at question time that the Dominions had been kept fully informed on the opening of discussions with Italy. They would be kept informed of all developments and would have every opportunity of expressing their views.

The question of assent could only arise in the event of any of the Dominions being asked to assume an active obligation.—British Wireless.

ANOTHER NAVAL WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Lieutenant Commander Angus Gunn, of H. M. S. Suffolk, and Miss Edith Mary Turner, of No. 1, Knight Street, Kowloon, has been announced.

GRETA GARBO NOT ALLOWED TO BE ALONE

Rome, To-day. The report that the famous Swedish film star, Greta Garbo, is staying in Italy is now confirmed. She lives at the famous villa Cimbrone at Ravello, one of the most beautiful spots of Italy overlooking the Gulf of Salerno.

During the first few days of her stay, Miss Garbo had made long walks in trousers and with dark spectacles to hide her identity but since she has been located by American reporters she lives in complete seclusion at the villa.—Trans-Ocean.

REPRISAL RAIDS FOLLOW SINKING OF CANARIAS

Barcelona, To-day. Four insurgent air raids have been made on Cartagena since the Republican fleet returned after its victorious encounter with insurgent warships on Sunday.

It is officially stated that the attacks on the port did little damage, and that the Republican warships, objective of the raids, were not hit.—Reuter.

Kwok-wah, driver of lorry No. 4686, was this morning fined \$30 by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy for overloading his lorry and speeding near the Taikoo Docks on February 21.

INFORMAL NAVAL TALKS IN TOKYO

London, To-day. Concurrently with the informal discussions between British, French and American naval experts in London on the question of Japanese naval building, it is understood that informal talks have also taken place in Tokyo, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

As a result, the London talks will naturally be affected by the outcome of any enquiries in Tokyo, but neither set of conversations has yet reached a sufficiently concrete stage for any announcement.—Reuter.

SEVERAL OF KOELN CREW INJURED

Oslo, To-day. The German cruiser Koeln which was reported to have been damaged by a severe storm when proceeding off the west coast of Norway is still at sea, but is expected to reach a Norwegian port on Monday.

Several members of the crew are injured. Another vessel to experience the full strength of the gale was the Dutch steamer Vredenburg. While the vessel was proceeding up the Drontheim fjord, two members of the crew were swept overboard and drowned.—Trans-Ocean.

NORWAY TO COMMENCE RE-ARMAMENT

Oslo, To-day. Norway has decided to follow the example of other European countries in carrying out a big armament programme.

It is understood that in the course of the next few days, the Norwegian Government will ask for Parliament's authority to raise a big loan for this purpose.

It is proposed to spend 25,000,000 kroners more on defence.

Furthermore, the Government will ask for a supplementary grant of 10,000,000 kroners for the construction of roads and railways of military importance.

Political circles here are pointing out that the latter measure can only be interpreted as one designed to ward off the danger of Soviet-Russian invasion from the north.—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-EIRE TALKS

London, To-day. The Dominions Secretary saw Mr. De Valera yesterday morning, but there was no other Ministerial contact between the delegation of the United Kingdom and Eire, though officials continued to work on trade questions.—British Wireless.

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FOUR CARDINAL POINTS OF BRITAIN'S DEFENCE POLICY

Mr. Chamberlain Warns That Cost Will Be High

Terrifying Power Of Britain Sobering For World

London, To-day.

Elaboration of the policy behind the Defence White Paper issued on March 2, was given in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister when he asked the House to approve the statement.

Mr. Chamberlain thought it significant that, generally speaking, throughout the country there was a conviction that the course embarked upon when rearmament began was unavoidable.

He declared that the original object of Sir Thomas Inskip's appointment as Minister for Co-ordination of Defence has been achieved.

Never had planning for strategic purposes been brought to the same complete scale as at present.

Dealing with requests whether the British first line of strength would provide parity with any European air force within striking distance, Mr. Chamberlain said "I am forced to the inevitable conclusion that in first-line strength, other factors are reserves of equipment and raw materials, anti-aircraft defences, personnel, morale, the quality of aircraft and the fact that with aircraft you cannot set one aeroplane against another as with ships.

AGGREGATE VALUE

"To attempt to measure air power and air strength by first line strength is a delusion and a snare. We must look to the defence problem as a whole from a wider aspect, and take the aggregate value of our resources."

Dealing with the question of "what is the policy for which these programmes are designed," the Prime Minister said: "The cornerstone of our defence policy must be the security of the United Kingdom.

TRADE ROUTES

"That first main effort must also have as its second objective the preservation of trade routes on which we depend for food and raw materials."

"The third objective is defence of British territories from sea, land and air."

"Our need to maintain garrisons and overseas naval bases in various parts of the world means that in wartime there would immediately be substantial demands for reinforcements at strategic points."

"But they are not as vital as defence of our country, because so long as we are undefeated at home, even if we sustain a loss overseas, we may have the opportunity of making them good afterwards."

AID TO ALLIES

"The fourth objective must be co-operation in defence of our Allies' territories."

"These objectives have been before us in preparation of the Service programmes."

Coming to the question of cost, Mr. Chamberlain said: "One thing we can say is that

the £1,500,000,000 previously contemplated is insufficient.

"It is too soon to say what figure must be substituted, but I am afraid that the House must expect a substantial advance."

Referring to the efforts to bring about appeasement in Europe, Mr. Chamberlain said: "It ought to be known that our desire for peace does not signify willingness to purchase peace to-day at the price of peace hereafter, nor can we forget our moral responsibility to our people or to humanity in general.

FRIEND OF LEAGUE

"We cannot divest ourselves of interest in world peace."

In another passage of his speech Mr. Chamberlain claimed to be a better friend of the League than some who speak for it.

"The League to-day is mutilated. It is half and lame," he declared.

Referring to opposition criticism of the armaments programme, Mr. Chamberlain said: "The sight of this enormous and almost terrifying power which Britain is building up has a sobering and steady-ing effect on world opinion."

ALLIANCE SYSTEM

Mr. C. R. Attlee, speaking for the Labour opposition, declared that we had embarked on a system of alliances.

The Premier had offended the spirit of a vast number of people. They were willing to stand for the League but were not willing to be dragged into another war of alliances.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-operation of Defence, winding up the debate, emphasised that there was scarcely a point in Imperial defence policy that was not from week to week the subject of very searching review.

BALLOON BARRAGE

He said the vast majority of our air squadrons were fully equipped. By March, 1939, we would have 1,750 up to date first line planes of the highest possible power capacity.

The balloon barrage for London was organised in ten squadrons.

Three out of four depots for storage and administration would be completed very shortly, while four-fifths of the balloons and all the winches had been delivered.—Reuter.

Mr. J. Middleton Smith, of Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. H. R. Butters for speeding in Queen's Road Central on February 19.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES DEFENCE POLICY

MR. CHURCHILL CRITICAL ON AIR PLANS

London, To-day. A Labour opposition amendment in the House of Commons yesterday was defeated by 351 votes to 134.

The Prime Minister's motion approving the Government's defence policy was carried by 347 votes to 133.—Reuter.

SUPPRESSION OF LEFTIST BOOKS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day. Latest step in the Japanese campaign for national spiritual mobilisation has been the suppression of all Leftist ideas and books.

Many publications written years ago by prominent Japanese scholars have now been branded as Leftist and have been removed from circulation.

As a result, the proscribed books are fetching prices several times higher than previously, and second-hand booksellers are doing a great trade.

Whether the demand is due to curiosity or to a desire to read what is prohibited, is not known.—Reuter.

HONEYMOONERS LEAVE CAPRI

Rome, To-day.

The former German War Minister, Field-Marshal Werner von Blomberg, has left Capri and is at present with his young wife in Sorento, where they are enjoying long walks in the neighbourhood, according to the "Giornale d'Italia".

It is considered probable that Field-Marshal von Blomberg will remain in Italy several months but nothing is yet known of his further plans.—Trans-Ocean.

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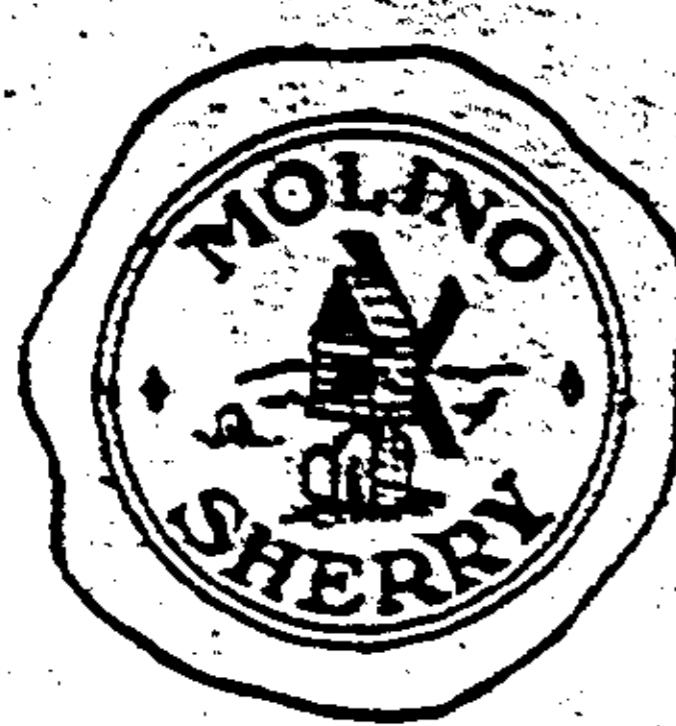
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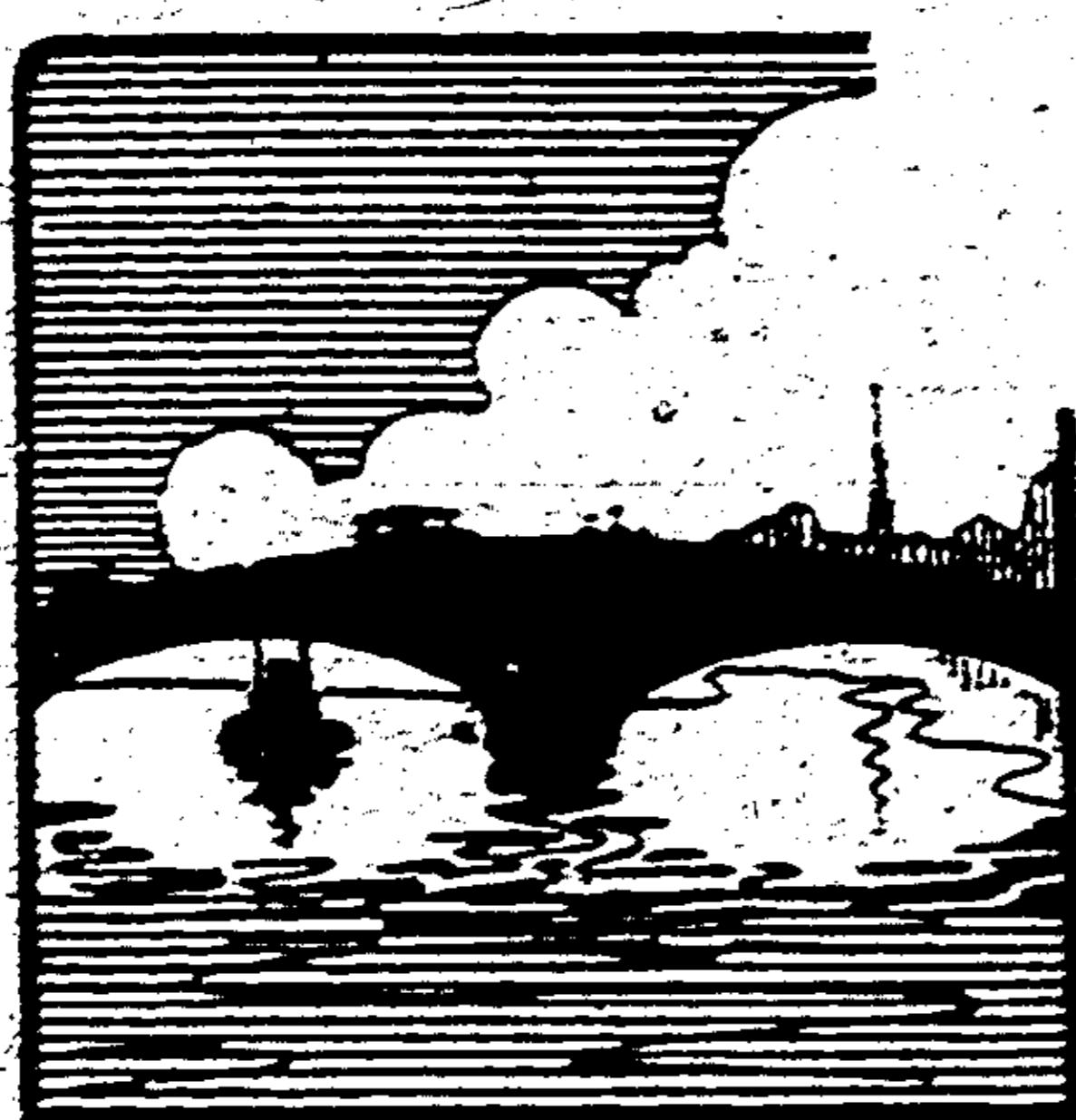
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BRITAIN'S TEN-FIGURE BUDGET

The new Budget which Sir John Simon will soon have the doubtful pleasure of submitting to the House of Commons will, it is quite evident from the Estimates made public, call for national taxation totalling at least £1,000,000,000. A few years ago, no British Government could have gone to Parliament and asked for such a sum. What is more, without gravely damaging the whole economic structure, the country could not have paid it. It is a remarkable indication of the newfound strength of the country that the prospect of a budget of such colossal proportions should be analysed without an uproar of protest or a squirm of alarm. One of the reasons for this, of course, is the realisation that, at whatever cost, the rearmament programme must be paid for, as far as possible, out of current revenue. Substantial sums are to be borrowed, but it is easy to compute that more than half of the coming year's programme will be met from taxation.

For Britain to be borrowing at all for armament purposes in time of peace, and to be showing what is called a large adverse balance of trade are facts in her financial position which would have made our Victorian forbears shake their heads. But in these times Victorian standards are very much out of date; and Britain can fairly claim that, in comparison with those of other great Powers, her fiscal performances shine as Shakespeare says, "like a good deed in a naughty world."

And is it accurate to talk of this as a time of peace? With a mad armament race, in which the pace has been set by the reckless, Britain was forced to arm on a scale to enable her to defend her freedom, and these are definitely years of war-crisis. Britain's determination to spend £1,500,000,000 on defence in five years is admitted to have made the war-like nations think and think hard, and has been a good stroke in the cause of peace. Compared

with the United States, with budget deficits in huge and ever-varying figures, France waging a gallant, but apparently unending fight to make both ends meet; and Germany financing the whole of her gigantic armament expenditure by credit operations which are not shown in any published statements, the British programme, honestly and fully set out, has at least the merit of being clear and above-board. As to that adverse balance of trade, which is causing some anxiety among thoughtful observers today, it does not seem to be a serious matter when its cause and consequences are examined, and when it is viewed in relation to the total of British oversea trade and oversea investments. What it means is that Britain is at present buying abroad more goods and services than she is selling. In what is called "visible" trade, the exchange on commodities with oversea customers, she shows, as she has now done for a very long time, a balance in favour of the rest of the world. The excess is higher than at any other time in history. The invisible items, are a matter of estimate; but it is generally agreed that during the past year they did not suffice to fill the bigger gap between visible imports and exports, and there was probably a deficit on the whole account of something like £60,000,000. To this extent, Britain may be said to be living on her capital. But while it is true that if these estimates are correct, her capital invested abroad will be reduced by this figure, following a reduction in the past two years, calculated at £76,000,000; against this reduction of capital placed overseas we can, surely, place the large sums of capital lately invested at home in the form of house-building, and factory building and extension and re-equipping. In other words, far from living on her capital, Britain has been bringing some of it home and investing it in the provision of decent homes for her population—so all-important from the point of view of national health—and on improving the outfit of her industries, and so their power to compete in future, when the armaments race gives way to a more wholesome contest of competition, for the world's markets. British financial prestige, in fact, has probably never stood higher than to-day, in comparison with that of her economic and political rivals. The fall of the pound from gold was a blow to it; but it is recognised that she used every possible effort to avoid it. Freed by foreign panic from the rigid fetters of the gold standard, Britain is now able to regulate her monetary policy in her own interest, and has invented the ingenious device of the Exchange Equalisation Fund, which again has been adopted by America and other imitators. Moreover in spite of the enormous demands of re-armament on the public purse, Britain is spending some £230 millions a year on education, health, old age, and widows' pensions, and other social services, so spreading among the classes that most need it, the means of contentment and progress. All this means a rate of taxation that would once have been considered terrific; but the British taxpayer, with his inexhaustible patience, grumbles, but pays, with a certain very justifiable pride in his country's financial achievement, so largely due to his own energy in earning revenue for his Government.

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FRENCH FAR EAST AIR LINER CRASHES

New Delhi, To-day.
A French air liner flying between Paris and Indo-China, crashed shortly after leaving Al-lahabad yesterday and burst into flames.

It is believed that all on board, consisting of four members of the crew and three passengers, were killed.—Reuter.

VON CRAMM DETAINED BY BERLIN POLICE

Berlin, To-day.
The German Davis Cup player, Baron Gottfried von Cramm, who returned a few days ago from Australia where he had been playing in tennis tournaments after his world tour with Henner Henkel, is reported to have been detained by the police.

It is semi-officially announced that he was detained on suspicion of moral delinquency.—Reuter.

The Rev. Father Byrne, S. J. is giving a lecture on "A Great Medieval Thinker and Modern Thought" At Rosaryhill, 43 Stubbs Road, on Thursday at 4.30 p.m. on the occasion of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.

America's Claim To Pacific Islands

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt, through his press secretary, announced yesterday that the sole reason for proclaiming United States sovereignty over the Canton and Enderbury Islands, in the Phoenix group of Pacific islands, was to facilitate development of commercial aviation.

It had nothing to do with war plans, the President stated, adding that final claims must await negotiations with other claimants.

In regard to the diplomatic conversations between London and Washington over the islands, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in London adds that if the main question involved should transpire

All-Day Struggle: Nine Not Yet Accounted For

Shanghai, To-day.
As a result of heroic work mid pounding seas, the crew of H.M.S. Capetown last night rescued after an all-day struggle, six Europeans from the French vessel "Yolande," which had gone aground on Alcest Island, off the Shantung promontory, near Weihaiwei.

Those rescued included the French captain, O. E. Bertin, his 25-year-old daughter and 54 Chinese.

H.M.S. Capetown, which was near Weihaiwei when a distress message was picked up from the vessel, hastened to the scene, but saw no signs of life on board when she arrived.

NO PROPAGANDA REPRESENTATIONS TO SOVIET

London, To-day.
His attention having been called in the Commons to an alleged statement by Stalin that revolutionary propaganda was being extended and instigated, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs replied that the open letter recently published in the Soviet Press contained no specific mention of an intensification of propaganda in foreign countries and the question of representations to the Soviet Government did not, therefore, arise. British Wireless.

Unable to approach the vessel with lifeboats because of the heavy seas, a party was sent ashore who hoisted a breeches buoy and succeeded in taking off all on board.

Only nine Chinese are still not accounted for, but a message from H.M.S. Capetown states she was hopeful of rescuing them during the night.

The Yolande, which was proceeding from Chinwangtao to Shanghai with 6,200 tons of coal, is at present stated to be breaking up rapidly.—Reuter.

LOCAL AGENTS

Local agents for the Yolande are Wallen and Company, who received a wireless message last night announcing that the ship was aground, the Captain's message adding: "Fear Total Loss."

It is understood that the skipper is the owner of the vessel.

Mlle. Bertin, his daughter, is named Yolande; the ship having been named after her.

CHEFOO CABLE RESTRICTION BY "PEIPING"

London, To-day.
The British consul at Chefoo has reported that the Chinese telegraph office there, under instructions from the Peiping "provisional government," is refusing to accept code telegrams, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question by Com. A. Marsden (Conservative, Chertsey) in the House of Commons yesterday.

A protest has been lodged and arrangements have been made for British commercial messages to be passed temporarily through other channels.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN BRITISH POLICY TO CHINA

London, To-day.
There has been no change in the British Government's friendly policy towards China, said the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in answer to Mr. R. H. Morgan (Conservative, Stourbridge) in the House of Commons yesterday.

The League Council's recent resolution in favour of accordance of all available help by League members to China, was being considered, but he at present was not in a position to make a statement.—Reuter.

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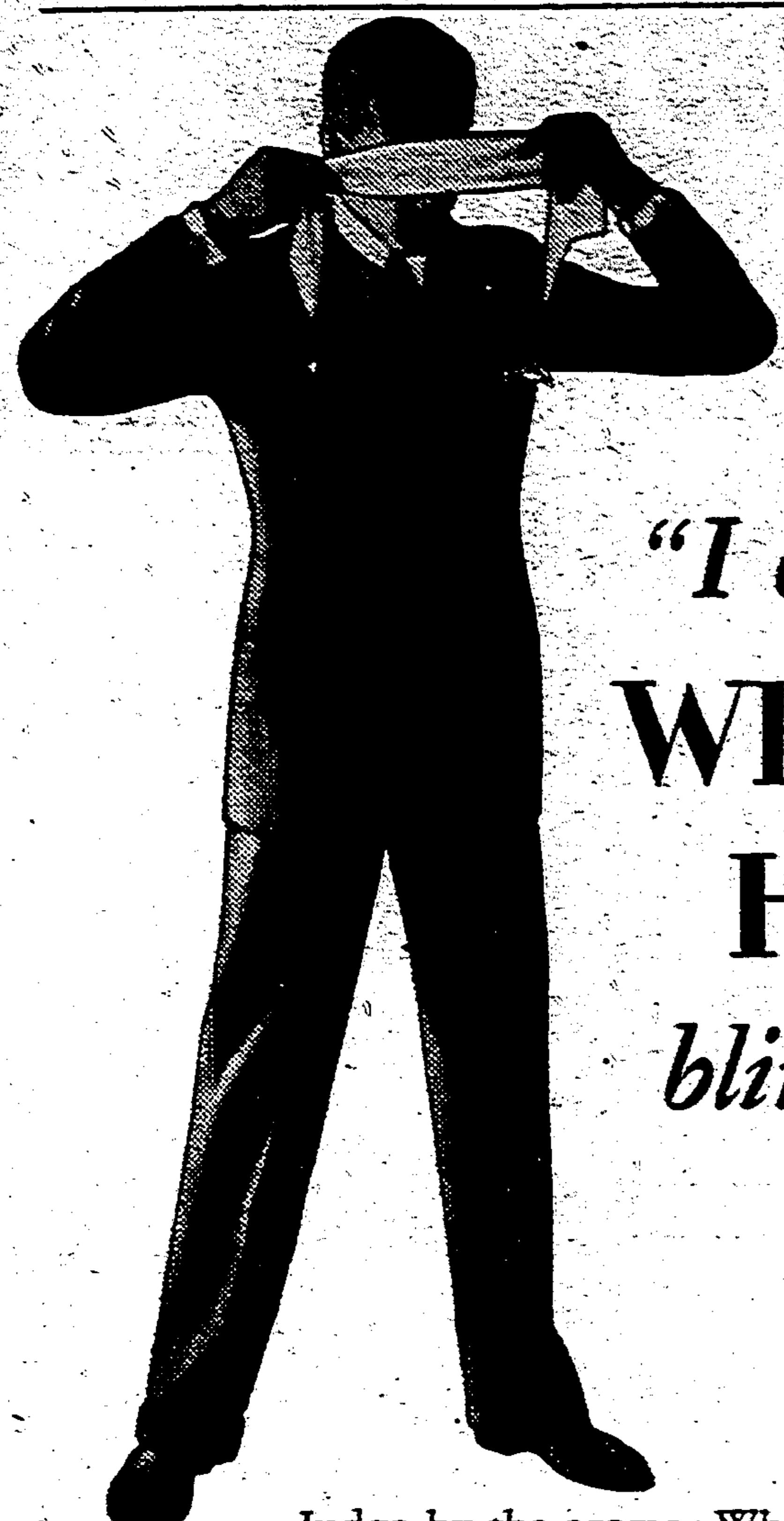
Canton, To-day.
Japanese planes failed to appear yesterday owing to the bad weather. The raid over Bocca Tigris Forts on Sunday resulted in five Chinese workmen being killed and 10 wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

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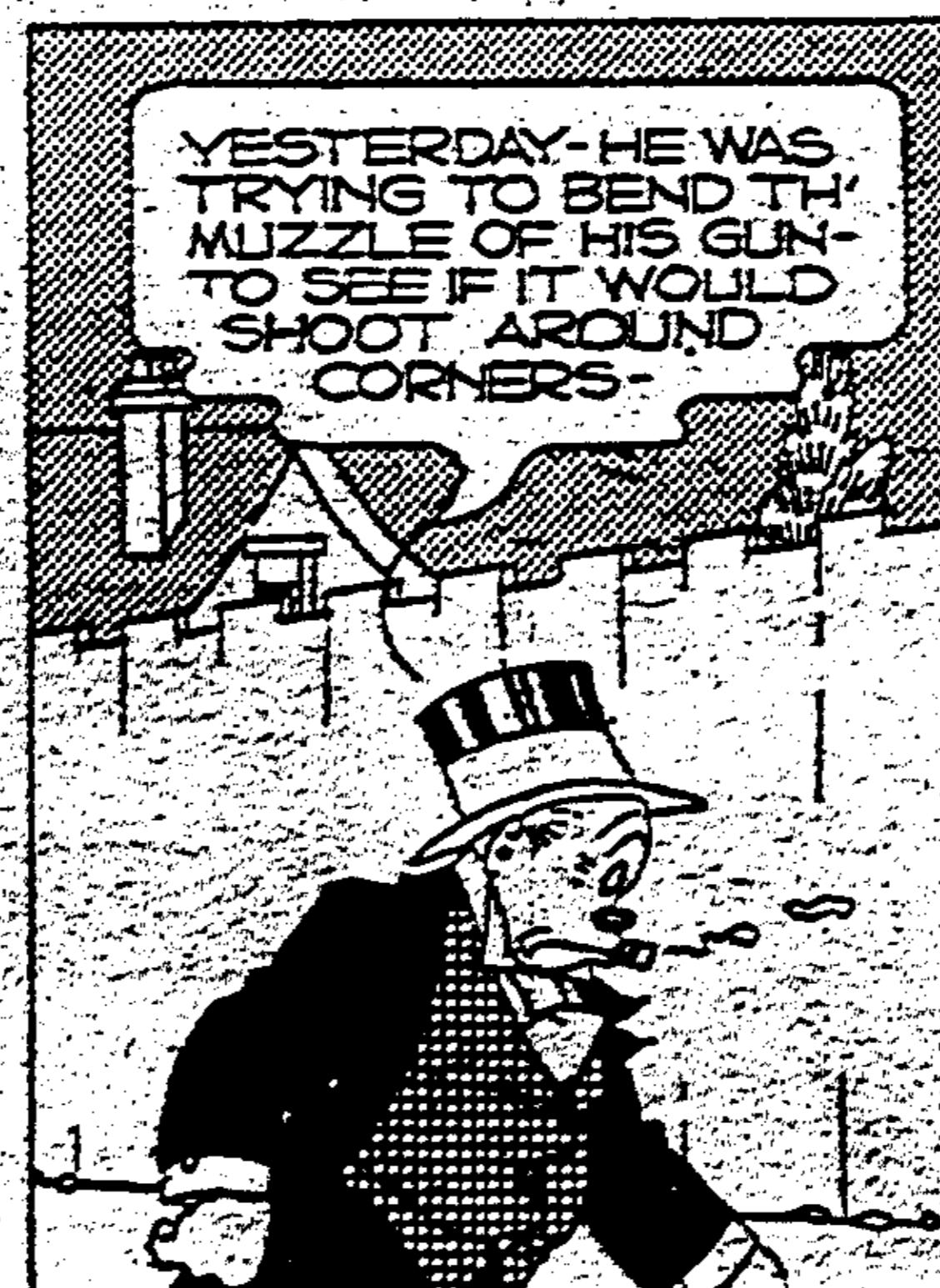
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Haile Selassie Refuses To Be Bribed With Shadow-Title

Paris, To-day.

Haile Selassie yesterday gave a telephonic interview from England to the "Paris Soir" regarding press reports that he had accepted an Italian offer inviting him to return to Abyssinia to rule over a portion of the country under Italian protection, and offering him an annuity of £10,000.

The Negus declared that he could not accept such an offer, thereby virtually confirming that the offer had been made.

Neither at present, when the Abyssinian people was doubling its heroism and its sacrifices, nor at any other time, would he think of accepting a settlement of the Abyssinian problem contrary to the rights and to the will of the Abyssinian people to remain a free and independent nation.—Trans-Ocean.

VISIT TO LORD HALIFAX

London, To-day.

Haile Selassie has denied that he is prepared to discuss any agreement incompatible with Abyssinian sovereignty.

The rumour arose from newspaper reports of his recent visit to Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office. It had been reported that Haile Selassie would be reinstated to rule over a small part of Abyssinia with the support of Italy.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DENIAL

Rome, To-day.

Reports in the French press that Haile Selassie had received an offer from the Italian Government inviting him to return to Abyssinia, are emphatically denied in an official statement issued here yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

HOLLINGTON TONG APPOINTED

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Hollington Tong, veteran Shanghai newsman, has been formally appointed Director of the Central Publicity Department by the Central Executive Committee of the National Government.

Mr. Hollington Tong was formerly a Director and Editor of the "China Press" in Shanghai and is the author of the well-known biography of General Chiang Kai-shek.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE FAIL TO PERSUADE PUPPETRY

Tientsin, To-day.

Feverish attempts are being made by the Japanese to bring about more normal conditions in the different areas under their control in areas north of the Yellow River in North China.

Japanese schools in Tsinan and Tsingtao have already been opened, but difficulty is being experienced in other areas in establishing Peace Preservation Committees. Pro-Japanese leaders to head the Peace Preservation Committees are lacking.

All territory north of the Yellow River occupied by the Japanese army will automatically come under the control of the North China Regime, once these Committees are established.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOOVER ARRIVES IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, arrived in Berlin from Prague last night.

He will be the guest of the Karl Schurz Association at a dinner to-night, and the Reichsbank President, Dr. Schacht, is expected to be present.

It is probable that Mr. Hoover will meet Herr Hitler during his four-day stay in Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

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SOCIALISTS
MEETING
VIENNA

Vienna, To-day. The first public Socialist meeting in Vienna for four years was held in the Floridsdorf district of Vienna last night, when 500 factory delegates, many of them just released from concentration camps, demanded freedom for workers as a condition of supporting Chancellor Schuschnigg against the Nazis.—Reuter.

NAHAS PASHA
PELTED WITH EGGS
AND TOMATOES

Cairo, To-day. Nahas Pasha, the leader of the Wafd party, was pelted with tomatoes, eggs, shoes and stones by a crowd when he left a Mosque in the province of Behara yesterday. Police had to come to his aid, arresting thirty demonstrators, according to a report in the newspaper "Mudir."—Trans-Ocean.

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The China Emporium test action, stated to involve over \$10,000, was continued before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell this morning, when expert evidence was given by the Rev. H. R. Wells.

The employee, Cheng Puk-sun, is represented by Mr. W. A. McKinlay, and Mr. M. W. Lo appears for defendant company.

The claim is for balance of wages said to be due to plaintiff. It is alleged that some time in August, 1934, it was verbally agreed between plaintiff and defendant that as from August 16, 1934, a sum equivalent to 20 per cent of plaintiff's wages would be retained by the company and repaid if and when the company made profits.

Plaintiff was dismissed on August 31, 1936 and claimed \$465.47 as balance of wages from August 16, 1934 to August 31, 1936.

The Rev. H. R. Wells said he had been a member of the Board of Examiners of Translators for the last 40 years, was once instructor of Cantonese at Queen's College and the University of Hong Kong, and was, at present, a joint translator of official despatches to the Government.

He testified that the Chinese character "Po" which had been translated by the Court Translator as "re-store" meant literally "repay." Witness's opinion, after reading the document, was that it meant that the deducted part of salaries would be repaid. It would have been pointless to state in the document that employees would not be entitled to claim their reduced salaries if they were dismissed or left the Company before business improved, unless there was intention by the company to repay.

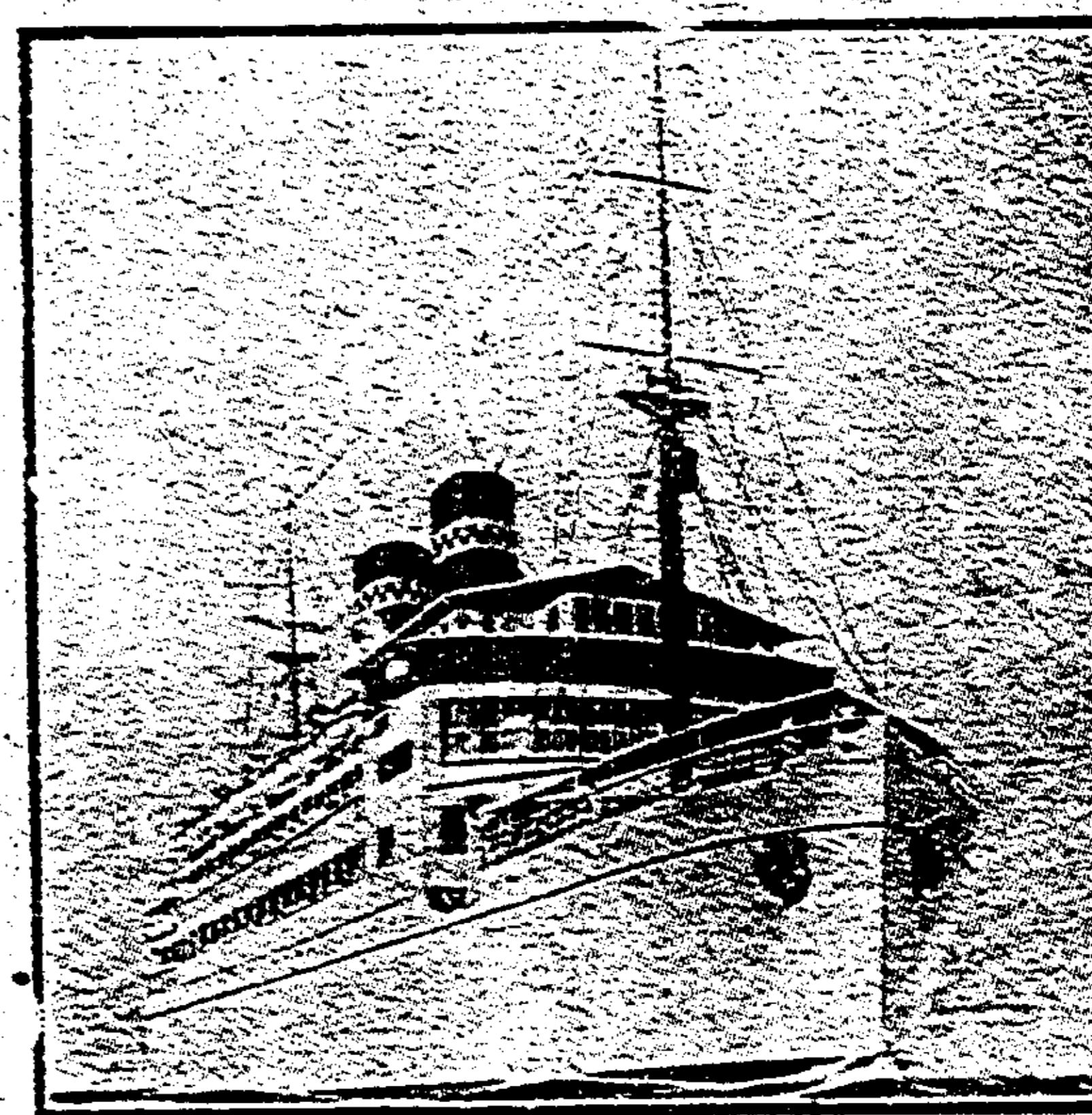
In answer to the Puisne Judge, witness said the document was an unqualified promise to repay the deduction in salaries.

The case was adjourned to March 15.

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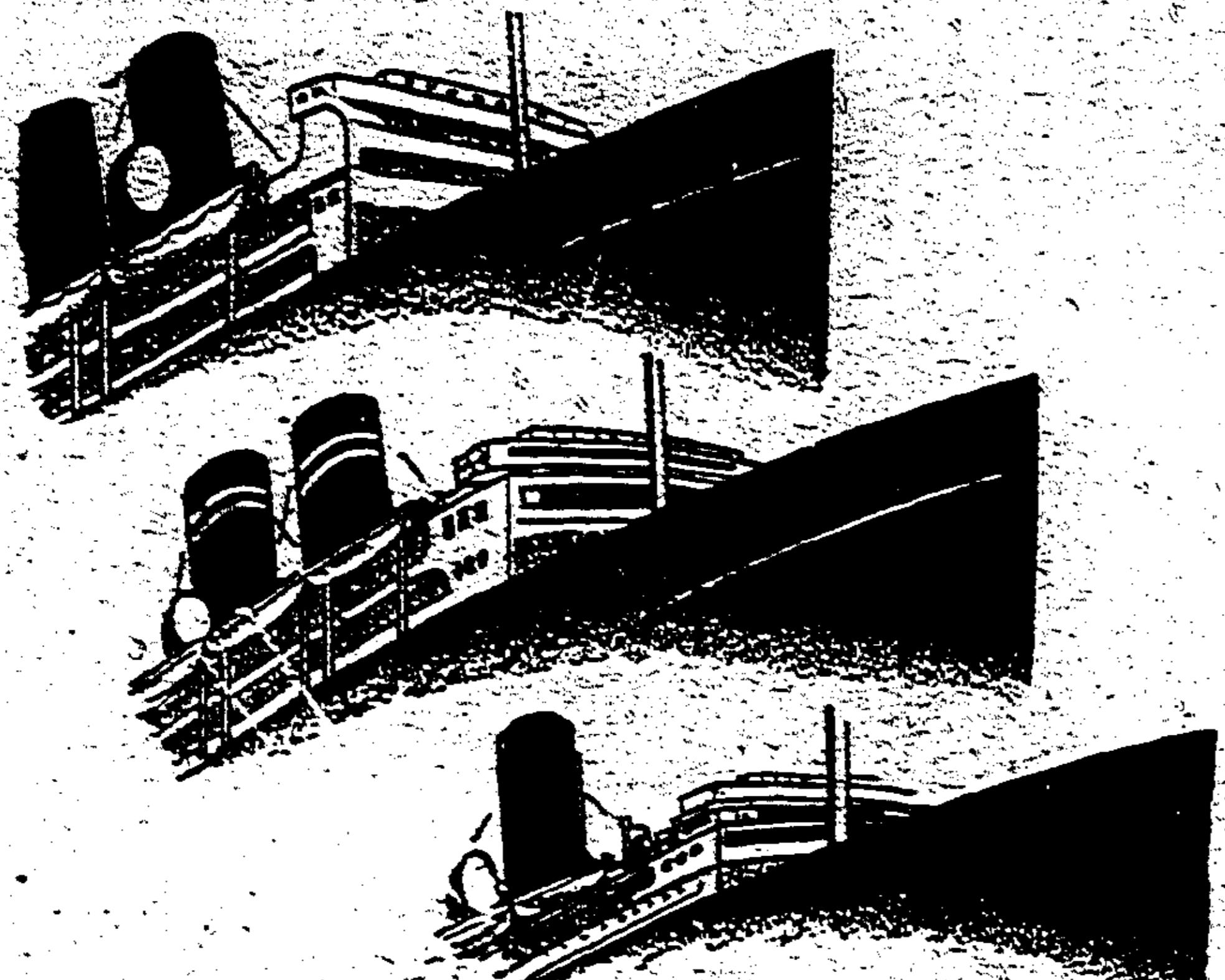
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
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Kongmoon	Fook On	Mar. 9, 10 a.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Mar. 9, 8:15 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Taiyuan	Wed. Mar. 9, 8:30 a.m.
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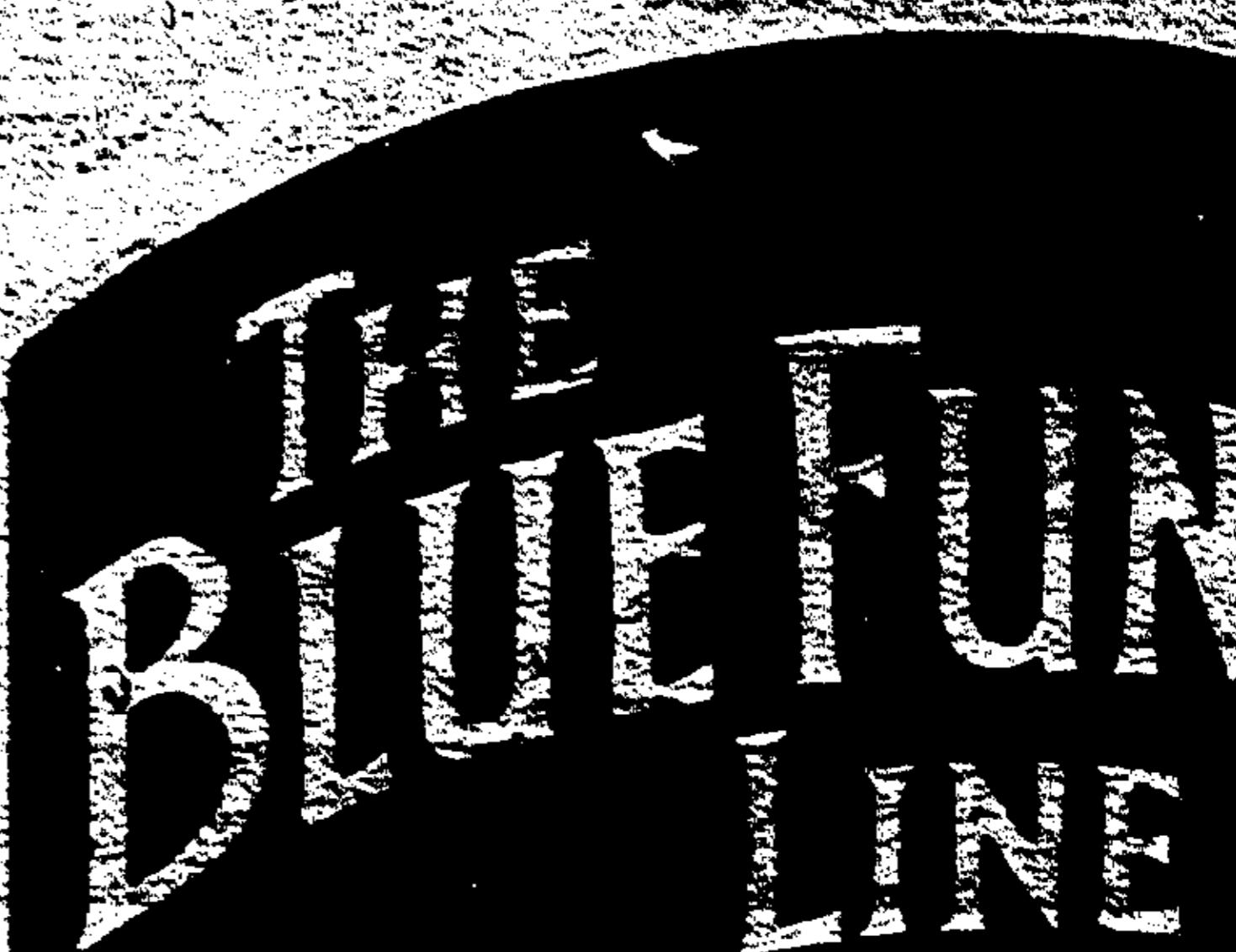
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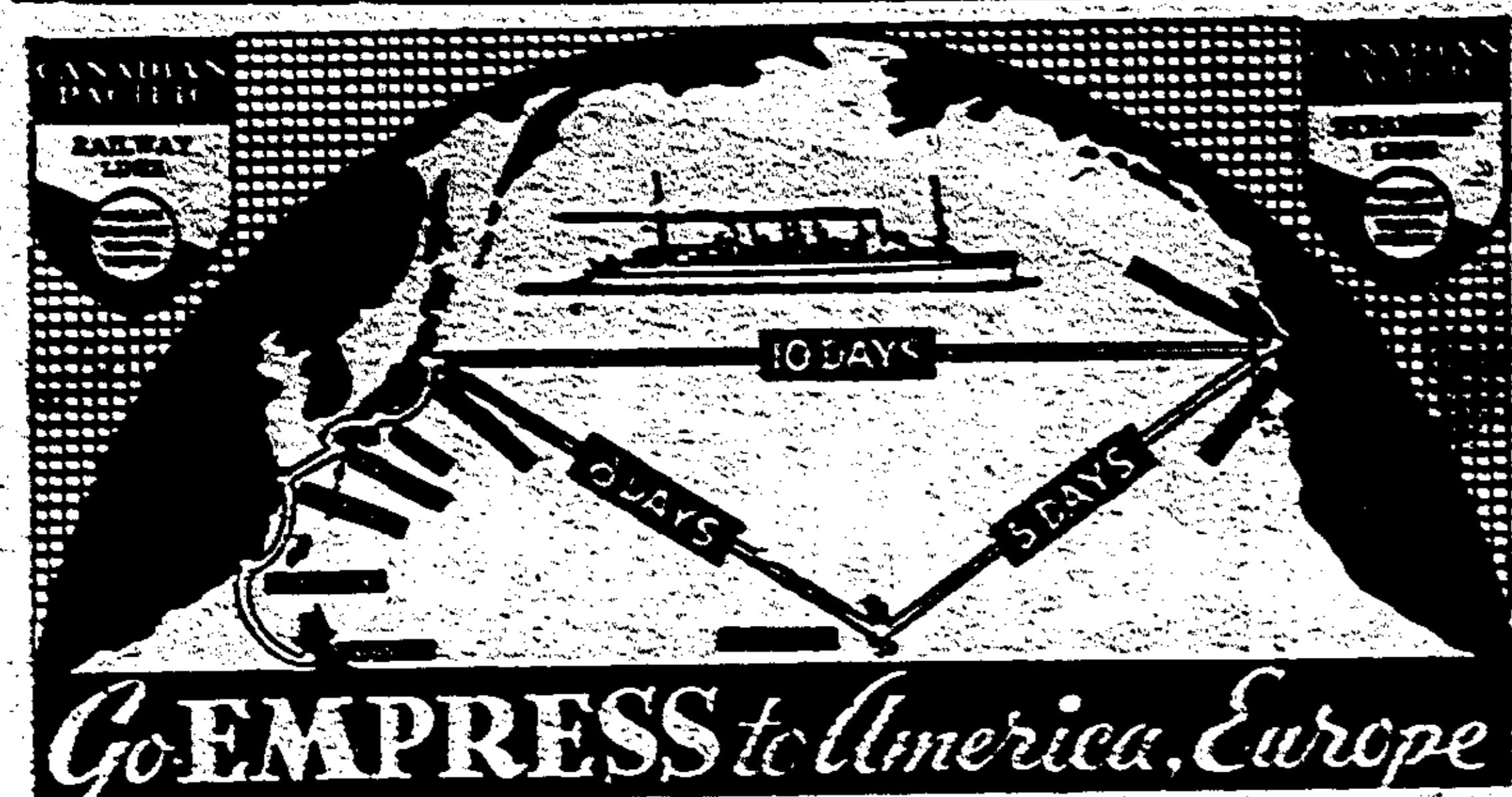
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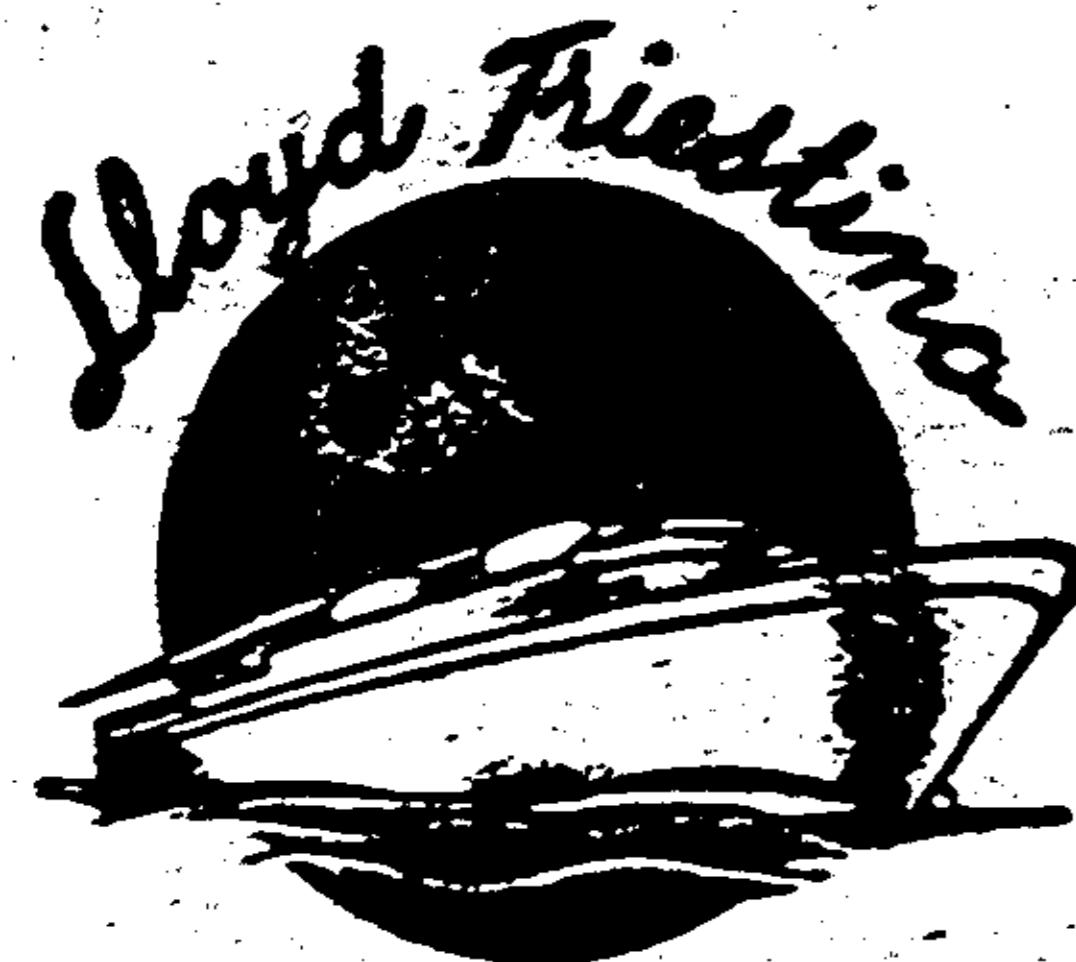
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Oct/Dec. 24 1/2 b. Up 1/4
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BRITISH FIGURES DISTURBANCES OF EMPLOYMENT IN EGYPTIAN ELECTIONS

London, To-day. The Ministry of Labour estimates at 14th February show that the number of insured persons in employment was approximately 11,324,000. This was 15,000 more than in January and on a comparable basis 20,000 more than a year ago.

At the same date, the registered unemployed numbered 1,810,421, comprising 1,404,912 wholly unemployed, 335,084 temporarily laid off, and 70,425 normally in casual employment. This was 17,186 less than a month ago and on a comparable basis 238,000 more than a year ago. —British Wireless.

Cairo, To-day.

The campaign for elections to the Egyptian Parliament, which is scheduled to take place two weeks hence, is giving rise practically every day to clashes between Wafdist and their political opponents.

According to reports here from Alexandria, 60 Wafdist were arrested by the police in that city on Monday morning for demonstrations.

In order to be prepared for all eventualities, the police authorities have strengthened their forces by enlisting special constables for the duration of the election campaign.

The chief editor and two associate editors of the Wafdist paper, Misri, were arrested before their paper printed false reports which alleged that Wafdist sympathisers in the town of Tanta were arrested and maltreated by the police. —Trans-Ocean.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Hong Kong from Shanghai on Thursday at 9 a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day at 6 p.m.

JAPAN'S PLANS IN CENTRAL CHINA

Shanghai, To-day. Japanese sources report that, despite setbacks and the murder of General Chow, Self-Administration Committee are shortly to be established in the areas in Central China now occupied by the Japanese military.

These areas include Shanghai, Hangchow, Nanking and Soochow.

A new regime will be established in Central China governing the different Committees. —Our Own Correspondent.

NETHERLANDS NICKEL FOR REICH

Berlin, To-day. The Netherlands East Indies is going to ship between 1,000 and 1,500 tons of nickel ore, containing from three to five per cent. of nickel, to Krupps, according to the newspaper "Metal Wirtschaft."

A second consignment will follow in mid-March, says the paper, and Krupps will experiment with the shipment to decide how much is to be imported from this new source in the future. —Reuter.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN AND LEAGUE COMMITMENTS

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons by Mr. Henderson (Labour) whether the policy of the Government of securing an agreement between Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy presupposed that any such agreement would be contracted within the framework of the League of Nations, the Prime Minister said the Government had never stated their policy in those terms.

They were, of course, bound by Article 20 of the Covenant not to enter into any engagement inconsistent with its terms.—British Wireless.

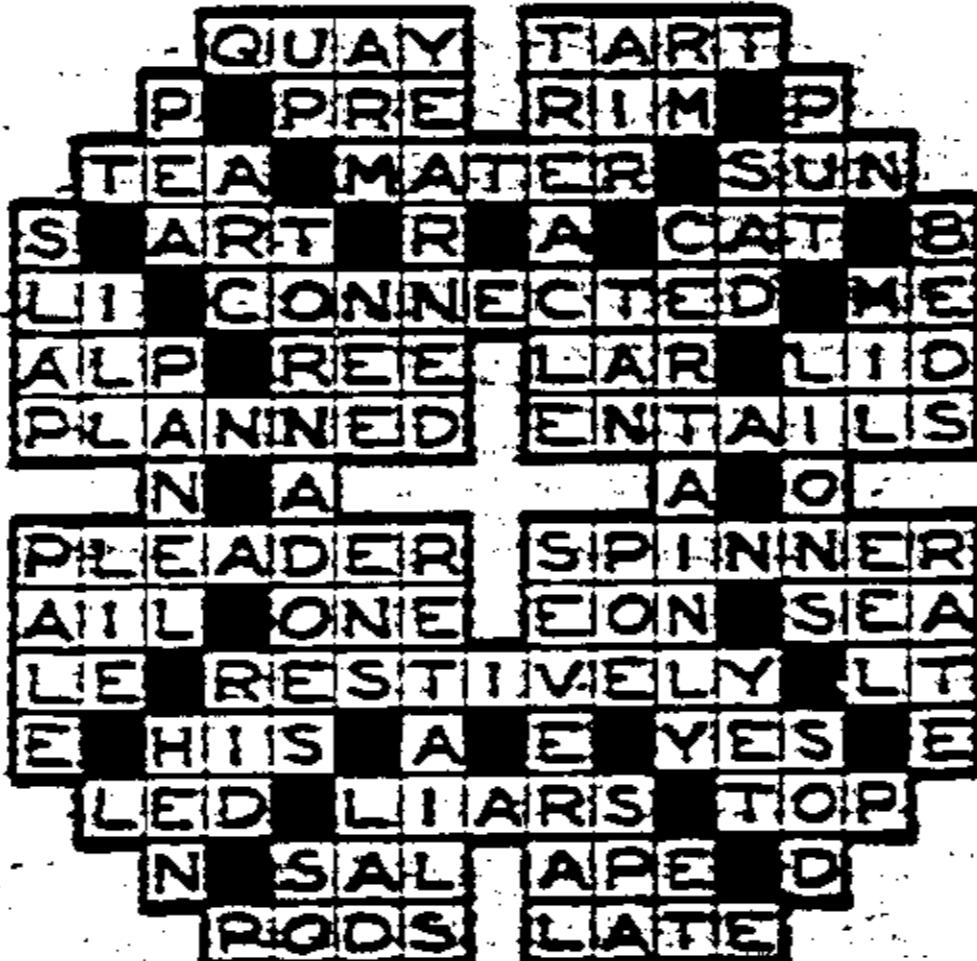
LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1.27/8.

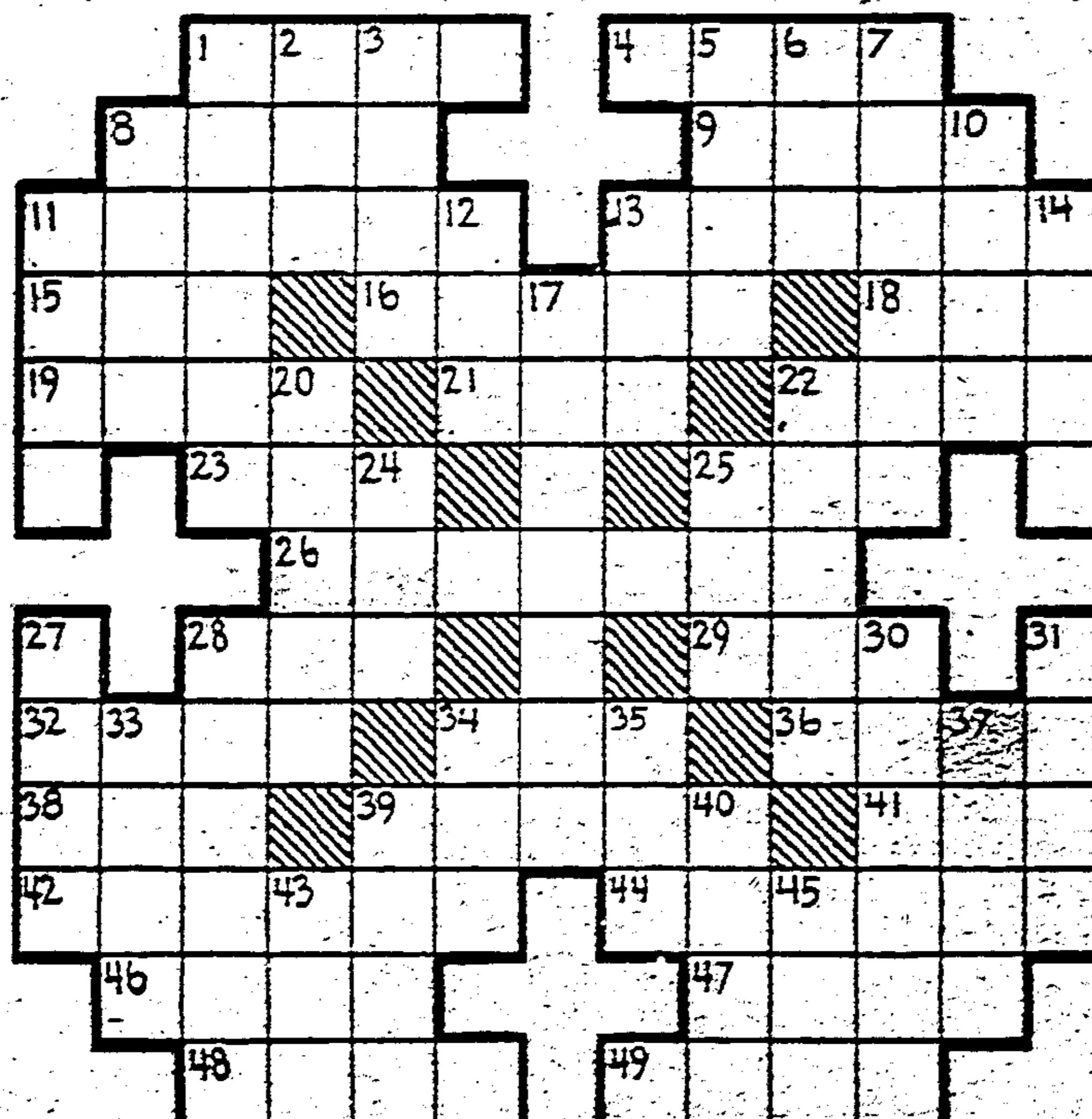
"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-1/4 and forward at 20.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$5.0080 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$5.0075.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

1—Imense

4—Norse god of war

8—Scraped linen

9—Greek god of war

11—Examined

13—Raised the spirits of

15—Curious scraps of

literature

16—Hethman

18—Corroded

19—Lotter

21—Alcoholic beverage

22—Implore

22—Even (Contr.)

25—Befriend

26—Repair

28—To be of proper size

29—Part of a circle

32—Extend over

34—Writing fluid

36—Part of the foot

38—Ever (conce)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

39—Girl's name

41—Half a score

42—Remember

44—Moved swiftly

46—Smaller

47—Looks

48—Moved rapidly

49—Agitate

VERTICAL

1—The face of a person

2—Insect

3—Walk

5—Stop

6—Girl's name

7—Cause to move more

slowly

8—Girl's name

10—A brittle (Bot.)

11—Story

VERTICAL (Cont.)

12—Excavate

13—An age

14—Turkish ruler (pl.)

17—Heads

20—Greenish flinch

22—Wharfs

24—Lace fabric

25—A constellation

27—Employer

28—Short comedies

30—Farm tenant

31—To direct one's

course

32—Baker's shovel-like

implement

34—Sick

35—Young goat

37—Sediment

39—Otherwise

40—The Orient

42—Serpent

45—Portuguese coin

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RECREIO BADMINTON TRIUMPHS



St. Andrew's Ladies' juniors, fielding the above nine players last Saturday week against the Central British Schoolgirls' "B" team, gave a magnificent display to share the points in a goalless draw. Miss June Hall, one of the outstanding players in the team, and a goalkeeper of exceptional merit, is fourth from the left in the back row. ("Mail" photo).

S.W. LIANG PROVIDES ONLY UPSET YESTERDAY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES GIVE LITTLE ENTERTAINMENT.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS IN THE COLONY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS PROVIDED ONLY ONE UPSET, S. W. LIANG BEATING A. V. GOSANO IN STRAIGHT SETS, IN A MATCH FEATURED BY EXCELLENT RETRIEVING BY THE WINNER, AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY REAL ATTACKING STROKE BY THE LOSER. I HAVE NEVER SEEN A. V. GOSANO PLAY SO BADLY. HIS USUALLY WELL-EXECUTED FOREHAND DRIVE WAS MISSING, WHILE HE VOLLEYED AND SMASHED WITH A MINIMUM OF CONFIDENCE.

Liang, playing steadily from the baseline, secured an early lead when Gosano could not settle down and find his length, the latter continually driving out of court or placing the ball beyond the sidelines. From the spectators' point of view the players had nothing to offer in the way of entertainment, but this could be said of most of yesterday's matches.

W. A. Land had little difficulty in disposing of F. A. Broadbridge, the former's strong service and powerful hitting on both fore and backhands, finding many a loophole in the loser's defence. Broadbridge, over exploited a heavily sliced backhand return, the majority of which ended in the net or out of the court.

Several matches were held in the Doubles Championship, the Rumjahn cousins, holders of the title, indulging in practice at the expense of Leung Ping-shiu and Marsland. Leung was incredibly weak in his volleying, but Marsland, a left-hander of considerable promise, volleyed and drove with accuracy, but found the odds too heavy.

OWEN-HUGHES SHINES
Sound volleying and overhead work at the net by Owen-Hughes

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TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

E. C. Fincher Meets
F. V. Harrison

FORMER HOLDERS ON VIEW

A very interesting game in the Colony Singles Lawn Tennis Championship should be witnessed on the H.K.C.C. court to-day when E. C. Fincher meets F. V. Harrison.

"Teddy" is playing fairly good tennis at the moment and although he will be opposed by a much younger player, who shone for a set against the Rumjahns last Wednesday, he should enter the next round.

An interesting "Hong" Open Doubles encounter will also be featured, when O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans encounter M. W. and M. K. Lo. The latter, it will be recalled, caused a surprise when in their first round encounter against D. K. Leung and B. Szeto, they won in straight sets and conceding only one game! They are likely to meet with stronger opposition to-day, however, and it will be interesting to see if they can make the Third Round.

The former Colony Doubles Champions, the brothers Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, will also be on view, should easily dispose of L. Agafuroff and J. Pengelly.

The following is to-day's programme:

TUESDAY
Club Handicap Singles
E. R. Price (—3.6) v W. M. Barton
(scr.)

ANDERSON AND MISS GRIFFITHS ELIMINATED

P. H. Wong & P. K. Hui
Win Easily

(By "REFEREE")

Playing at the top of their form, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva easily eliminated J. L. Anderson and Miss Madge Griffiths, from the Colony Open Mixed Doubles Badminton Championship, at Taikoo, last night, winning in straight sets.

The losers, probably one of the most consistent pairs in the Mixed Doubles League, never looked like winning a set, Anderson being particularly weak overhead, while Miss Griffiths practically gave away the first set through poor service, giving Oliveira the opportunity to tuck away the shuttlecock for a rush-smash every time. The only time she served over his head, the shuttle went out of the court.

Miss Griffiths shone at the net, however, with some very neat touches, but these occasions were few and far between.

MISS SILVA SHINES

Oliveira's smashing and retrieving were his main assets, but he must thank Miss Silva for her large part in their victory. She was very cool and, with the exception of a few mistakes, was much the superior of her opposing number.

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro proved much too good for L. A. Carvalho and Miss A. C. Remedios, winning in straight sets. Miss Remedios was very weak and spoiled most of the openings for Carvalho's smashing. J. J. Remedios was very good, although there were occasions when he left himself open to attack.

The two singles encounters were very one-sided, both Patrick Wong, the holder, and P. K. Hui, last year's runner-up, entering the Third Round.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S SINGLES

P. H. Wong beat S. W. Clark 15—4, 15—4.

P. K. Hui beat F. Tsang 15—1, 15—5.

MIXED DOUBLES

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro beat L. A. Carvalho and Miss A. C. Remedios 15—3, 15—7.

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths 15—6, 15—12.

W. Wooding (+2.6) v A. D. Humphreys (—4.6).

L. Goldman (—30) v Lt. Cdr. C. B. Nicholson (—3.6).

Club Championship

T. C. Monaghan v N. W. Dimsey.

Colony Championship

A. Crawford v B. Szeto.

E. C. Fincher v F. V. Harrison.

Colony Doubles Championship

O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans v

M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v L.

Agafuroff and J. Pengelly.

Club Handicap Doubles

J. Rodger and C. W. E. Bishop (—5.6) v C. Nicholson and Capt. Harvey (—5.6).

KOWLOON F.C. CRITICISED AT H.K.F.A. MEETING

Draw For Shield Competitions Made

The Kowloon Football Club were criticised at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association, held last night, for their action in registering and playing Avery, of the Corinthians, against the Middlesex, in their Senior Shield encounter, last Saturday.

The matter was raised by Mr. W. E. Hollands, representing Eastern Athletic, under the heading "any other business," and he regretted that Mr. J. McElvie, representative of the Kowloon Football Club, had had to leave early to keep another appointment.

Mr. Hollands said he would like to draw attention to the fact that to be registered for the Kowloon Football Club it was necessary to be a bone fide member of the Club; and, during the short time that player was here, it was impossible for him to be proposed, seconded, and admitted.

If it had been a League match it would not have been so important, for Kowloon have no chance, but this was the Challenge Shield competition, and if Kowloon had won he was sure there would have been much objection. The principle was entirely wrong.

The following was the draw for the Semi-finals of the Shield competition.

Senior Shield Semi-Finals
South China "A" v. Middlesex at K.F.C. ground on March 26.

South China "B" v. Royal Navy at H.K.F.C. ground on March 27.

Junior Shield Semi-Final
Royal Navy v. Ordnance at S.C.A.A. ground on March 26.

Kwong Wah v. Portuguese S.A. at K.F.C. ground on March 27.

Sunday Herald Cup Final
England v. China at Navy ground on March 13.

The Sunday Herald Charity Cup so far had realised \$2,971, exclusive of expenses.

TENNIS

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paved the way for a comfortable victory when T. A. Pearce and he beat Leisen Lew and Peter U with the loss of only three games.

Lai Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung, an experienced pair from the C. R. C. "A" Division League team, also indulged in practice yesterday, in their doubles encounter against Wei Chung and Pang Oi-lam, the match being featured by continuous lobbing by the losers, who lifted everything which came their way.

SHOULD GO FAR

Both the winners displayed utmost confidence and had plenty in reserve. With their fine understanding they should go far in the Tournament.

In the remaining Doubles encounter, H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves, of Recreio, had little difficulty in beating the veteran pair of Wong Fuk-nam and Cheng Ping-yeung. Gonsalves' overhead work being prominent throughout.



Although the Central British Schoolgirls' "B" team, seen above, were held to a goalless draw last Saturday week by nine St. Andrew's juniors, there is some very promising talent in the team. ("Herald" photo).

FARR TO MAKE APOLOGY FOR OUTBURST

U.S. BOXING BOARD EXPLAINS THE DECISION

New York, January 24.

TOMMY FARR, British and Empire heavyweight boxing champion, retired into seclusion at Long Branch, New Jersey, to-day. He is deeply humiliated by his defeat on Friday at the hands of James Braddock.

He promised to meet American journalists to-morrow to apologise for his outburst of bad temper, in which he apparently ignored Braddock, after the fight.

The contest was regarded as a preliminary to a world heavyweight title bout between the winner and the man who receives the verdict in the Louis-Schmeling fight this summer.

Farr, who received £4,300, lost to Braddock, former world champion, on points over 10 rounds.

The Boxing Commission states that the two judges and the referee between them gave each man four rounds and counted two even. The referee decided to name Braddock the winner on the ground that he gave a better performance in the last two rounds. This action is entirely in accordance with the rules.

CHANGED HIS MIND
Before retiring to Long Branch Farr made a statement through Mike Jacobs, the promoter. Referring to his declaration immediately after the contest that he would give up boxing and return to mining in his native Wales, he said that he had "changed his mind".

Apparently realising that the way in which he left the ring had angered the crowd and jeopardised his future, he explained that he was so upset by the decision that he did not notice Braddock when the winner tried to shake hands with him.

INCOMPETENCE!

He renewed his protest against the decision and accused the referee, Mr. McAvoy of incompetence.

Farr alleges that Mr. McAvoy encouraged Braddock in the closing stages of the contest. Not only does Mr. McAvoy deny this, but the Boxing Commissioners point out that American referees often encourage both fighters as the bout

draws to a close. They insist that there is nothing improper about such action.

The Welshman has told Mike Jacobs that he would like to meet Braddock again over 12 or 15 rounds.

MACAO BEATEN

The Macao Hockey Club were hosts to the Rajputana Regiment to whom they conceded the hockey match played at Tap Siai this afternoon by two clear goals. The visitors played a better game throughout although Macao proved very dangerous on several occasions. —Our Own Correspondent.

L.R.C. TENNIS FINALS

The finals of the Ladies' Recreation Club tournaments were completed on Sunday.

Men's Singles—E. E. Story. Runner-up, J. J. Ferguson.

Women's Doubles—Miss Abraham and Miss Marsh. Runners-up, Mrs. G. K. Oliver and Miss Beavia.

Mixed Doubles—E. E. Story and Mrs. Waddell. Runners-up, Mr. L. H. Eulton and Mrs. G. F. Moore.

HARE AND HUGHES BEATEN

Helsingfors, February 4.—Both C. E. Hare and G. P. Hughes, the British Davis Cup players were beaten in the semi-final of the Scandinavian men's singles championship here to-day.

F. Puncic (Yugoslavia) beat Hughes, 6-0, 6-1, 9-7, and J. Pallada (Yugoslavia) beat Hare, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND DRAW

RANGERS PLAYING AWAY FROM HOME

London, To-day.

The following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup Competition, which will take place on March 19:

Kilmarnock v. Morton or Ayr United
St. Bernard's v. Motherwell
Falkirk v. Rangers
East Fife or Aberdeen v. Raith Rovers.

YORK OR HUDDERSFIELD TO MEET SUNDERLAND

F.A. Cup Semi-Final Round Draw

London, To-day.

The following is the draw for the Semi-Final Round of the F.A. Cup Competition, which will be held on March 26.

Preston v. Aston Villa (On Sheffield Wednesday's ground).
York or Huddersfield v. Sunderland (On Huddersfield Tuesday's ground).
Brentford.

AUSTRALIA DECLARES FOR YOUTH OLDFIELD AND GRIMMETT OMMITTED

Eight Newcomers In Team To Defend Ashes: Two Surprise Selections

London, January 28.

AUSTRALIA'S two famous veterans, W. A. Oldfield and C. V. Grimmett, have been omitted from the team which will defend the Ashes in England next summer. The 16 players chosen for the tour, announced after yesterday's meeting of the Australian Cricket Board of Control, at Melbourne, are:

D. G. BRADMAN (South Australia), capt.
S. J. McCABE (New South Wales), vice-capt.
C. L. BADCOCK (South Australia).
S. BARNES (New South Wales).
B. A. BARNETT (Victoria).
W. A. BROWN (Queensland).
A. G. CHIPPERFIELD (New South Wales).
J. H. FINGLETON (New South Wales).

L. O'B. FLEETWOOD-SMITH (Victoria).
A. L. HASSETT (Victoria).
E. S. WHITE (New South Wales).
E. L. McCORMICK (Victoria).
F. WARD (South Australia).
C. W. WALKER (South Australia).
W. J. O'BREILLY (New South Wales).
M. G. WAITE (South Australia).

The Australians have declared for youth, the average age of the players being 27. Eight of the party will be paying their first visit to England. They are Badcock, Barnes, Fingleton, Hassett, McCormick, Ward, Waite and White. Walker was here in 1930, but did not play in the Tests. Waite and Hassett are unexpected selections, and Australians are expressing surprise at the omission of young Ross Gregory, the Victorian all-rounder.

(By R. C. Robertson-Glasgow)

Sentiment must not be allowed to affect judgment; the old order must change; but many in England will regret the loss of Oldfield, one of the greatest wicket-keepers the game has known, and Grimmett, master of so many notable batsmen with his gyroscopic wiles.

I should say that this is a team of considerable possibilities. There is so much young blood in it that it would be absurd to try now to gauge its final strength.

The batting with Fingleton, Brown, Bradman, McCabe and Badcock as a possible start, is certain to be strong. The bowling, I should say, is more open to doubt. Hassett, Waite, White, Ward, who takes Grimmett's place, and McCormick, whose speed for a few overs is said to be almost comparable to Larwood's, are all new to England. They may or may not reproduce the form which found favour in the sight of the selectors, Bradman, Dwyer and Johnstone.

Of the new young batsmen, Sidney Barnes—a good name for a young cricketer—who recently made a fine century in the Selectorial presence, and Hassett have had a remarkably successful season in Sheffield Shield matches. Their inclusion causes such well-tried men as Rigg and Gregory to be left at home.

The task of selection for the last few places must have been hard in-

VIEWS ON THE TEAM

Sir Pelham Warner: Obviously a strong side. I have never known an Australian team to be otherwise. But I hope and believe it is not invincible.

R. W. V. Robins: An excellent side, but I doubt whether it is good enough. I am surprised they omitted Ross Gregory.

Sir Stanley Jackson: It appears to be a very good side, very strong in batting, and, I think, good in bowling. It is interesting to see that they have left out the old stalwart, Grimmett, but I suppose youth must be served. A great deal will depend on O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith.

Mr. T. A. Higson: No doubt that the eight newcomers have thoroughly convinced the selectors of their value. I regret the disappearance of Oldfield and Grimmett.

W. H. Ponsford: Sheer lunacy to leave out Grimmett. Another mistake to leave out Oldfield.

W. M. Woodfull: I should have stuck to the old loves, knowing better than anyone how much they mean overseas.

V. Y. Richardson: The omission of Grimmett and Oldfield suggests a quest for youth. Yet the absence of Gregory is rather a contradiction. Boldness has been shown in the choice of Chipperfield.

deed. This much is certain—that the fielding of a young team led by Bradman will be of a high class.

At the age of 29—he will be 30 soon after the fifth Test match—Don Bradman, Australia's captain, has broken nearly every batting record, Test and otherwise. Other batsmen may have excelled him in style, may have given more pleasure to the spectator's eye and mind,

but as a rungetter Bradman is supreme.

RECORD TEST INNINGS

To his name stands the record Test innings of 334, made at Leeds in 1930; also in the same season the record Test aggregate of 974, average of 139. Moreover, his 452 not out, at Sydney in 1930, is the highest individual score in first-class cricket.

Bradman altered cricket's map and overturned the accepted values regarding a century as the prelude rather than as the climax or epilogue of an innings. Thus, as at Lord's in 1930, he showed that a total of 400 was insufficient to avert defeat in a four-day match. His powers show no decline, and he is a thoughtful captain and a fielder of inspiring brilliance.

McCABE'S THIRD VISIT

Like Bradman, Stanley McCabe, the vice-captain, is making his third visit to England. A powerful and courageous batsman, his style is more "English" than that of any Australian recently seen here, with the possible exception of W. A. Brown.

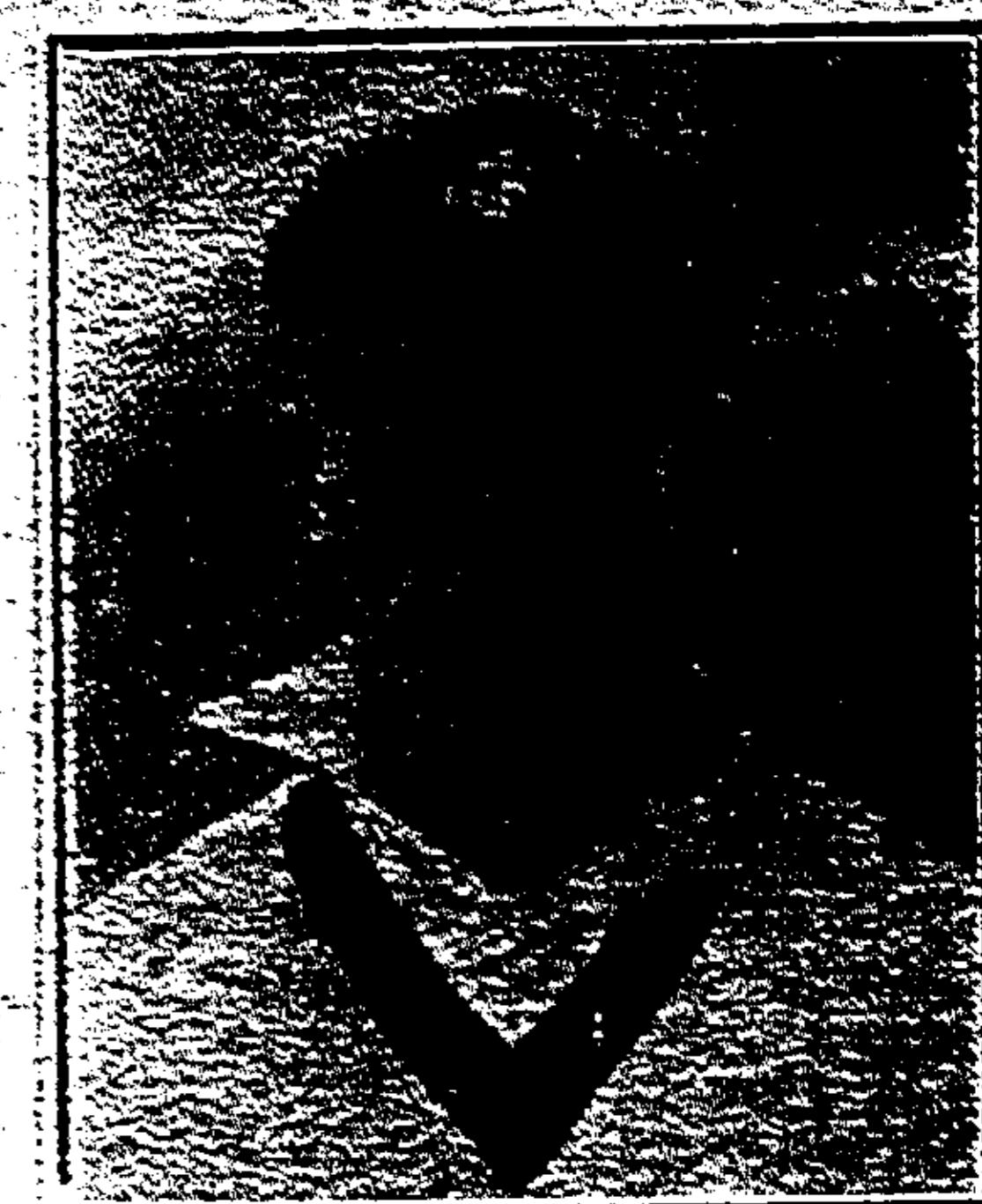
McCabe has a beautiful off-drive and a strong hook. He has scored three Test centuries against England, his innings of 112 at Melbourne in the third Test of Allen's tour going far towards the winning of the rubber. Probably the finest innings he has so far played was his Test century against Larwood's tremendous attack in Jardine's tour of 1932-33.

He is a more than competent fast-medium bowler with the new ball, and can slip in an awkward googly—like most Australians. Finally he is a grand fielder and thrower.

DIFFICULT TO OPEN

Fingleton, as an opening batsman, is, with all respect, something of an oyster. He is, so to speak, difficult to open. He uses a short back-lift of the bat, and exercises a vigilance worthy of his famous predecessor, Woodfull.

Many critics thought that he should have come over in 1934. He has performed the unrivalled feat of scoring four consecutive Test centuries—three in South Africa, followed by another against Allen's team at Brisbane in 1936. He is a magnificent cover-point and follows the profession of journalism.



The exclusion of C. V. Grimmett, above, from the Australian Test team to defend the Ashes in England this year, is regretted by both Australians and Englishmen.

MAN FOR TOIL

Upon W. J. O'Reilly, now in his 33rd year, will probably fall the most toil and responsibility in attack. Right-hand, slow-medium ball, almost tireless, he cuts the ball from either leg or off, and of his type is the best bowler in the world to-day. In 1934, on the perfect surface of Old Trafford, he took the wickets of Walters, Wyatt and Hammond in four balls.

He has a strange, almost galumphing, run up to the wicket, and ducks at the moment of delivery, but his accuracy, especially in attacking the leg stump, is wonderful. He has a wholesome hostility, and were Duckworth to keep wicket to him the unison of appealing would be noteworthy.

RARE PERFORMANCE

Fleetwood-Smith came over in 1934, but was not used in the Tests. He played with success in the Tests against Allen's touring team, however. He bowls the slow-medium left-handed googly and off-break—a very rare performance; he varies from the erratic to the wholly brilliant; he is a humorous-minded batsman, lacking in scoring power. Now that achievement has given him confidence he is likely to trouble the England batsmen.

Badcock, aged 22, is a Tasmanian who migrated to South Australian. He has been sometimes compared to Hendren in build and method; quick of foot and especially strong at hooking, he scored 112 in the final Test against our last team at Melbourne, and Bradman has recently tried him as opening batsman for South Australia. But he is probably better suited at No. 4 or 5.

At one time he was known as "Allen's rabbit" but he is likely to fare well on English wickets. It need hardly be added that he is a fine fielder.

IN HAMMOND'S CLASS

Chipperfield has not enjoyed a good season in Australia, but is rightly chosen on previous performance. He is a sound bat, a useful leg-break bowler, and slip-fielder almost in the Hammond class.

He will not readily forget his first Test against England at Nottingham in 1934. He had scored 99 at the lunch interval, a situation both pleasant and painful. Then, when still at 99, he was caught behind the wicket. He first came to notice with a fine innings in a minor match against Jardine's team. He is 32 years old.

BROWN'S FORM

Brown, like Chipperfield, has rarely played to his best form this season, but at his best he is an opening batsman of charm and orthodoxy of style. In 1934 he played in all five Tests against England, averaging 33.

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Australia Declares For Youth

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In the Lord's Test he scored a magnificent century, and during most of Allen's tour he suffered from injury.

A fine outfield, McCormick, aged 31, is accounted by Hammond to be nearly as fast as Larwood for a few overs. He has not toured England before. Like many of his kind, he needs careful nursing, being liable to strain his back.

BEST SINCE IRONMONGER

While probably not in the class of such men as Gregory and McDonald, McCormick is said to be considerably better than any other fast bowler in Australia. To-day he works with the Melbourne Fire Brigade.

White, of New South Wales, 26 years old, and tall, is an orthodox left-handed bowler of something like medium pace—a somewhat rare gift from Australia.

He is said by some to be the best since Ironmonger. He can spin the ball well, and, with Verity, will be hoping for a wet season.

Barnett and Walker, the wicket-keepers, may be taken jointly. Both have previously toured England. Barnett is the better bat, but my recollection is that Walker is capable of the more brilliant performance as a stumper.

CHOICE OF WARD

Many critics had expected the selection of Don Tallon, of Queensland, but his superior ability as a batsman has not been allowed to weigh in his favour. In the ab-



W. J. O'Brien, above, will bear the brunt of the Australians' attack in the forthcoming Test series, is the opinion freely expressed both in England and in Australia.

sence of Grimmett, Ward's selection was virtually certain. A slow leg-breaker, he has had Test experience against us during our tour in 1936-37.

He lacks the subtlety and variety of the old master, and has yet to achieve that mesmerism which Grimmett seemed to exercise on English batsmen in Tests; but he may yet prove a valuable assistant to O'Reilly.

BRILLIANT FIELDER

Waite, of South Australia, is a capable all-rounder—one of the best, indeed, in South Australia. As a batsman he has enterprise and a fine style. As a slow leg-break bowler he has suffered through being in the same side as Grimmett, although he did the hat-trick against Holmes' M.C.C. team. As a fieldman he is brilliant.

Finally there are two young batsmen of high promise in Hassett, of Victoria, and Sidney

Barnes, of New South Wales. Each has done well in Australia this season, and, as I said, must be good indeed to cause the exclusion of such candidates as Gregory, Lee and Rigg.

This latest team from Australia is young, therefore partly experimental. That it will be astutely handled is certain; that it will be "nearly invincible" remains to be seen.

U.S. LAWN TENNIS RANKINGS

New York, January 21.—Donald Budge and Alice Marble top the official American singles ranking lists, issued after the annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association here. They are:

Men: 1, J. D. Budge; 2, R. L. Riggs; 3, F. A. Parker; 4, Bryan M. Grant; 5, J. R. Hunt; 6, W. R. Sabin; 7, H. Surface; 8, C. G. Makor; 9, D. McNeill; 10, J. V. Ryn; 11, F. X. Shields; 12, W. Senior; 13, J. McDiarmid; 14, A. H. Hendrix.

Women: 1, Miss Alice Marble; 2, Miss Helen H. Jacobs; 3, Miss D. M. Bundy; 4, Mrs. M. G. Van Ryn; 5, Miss G. W. Wheeler.

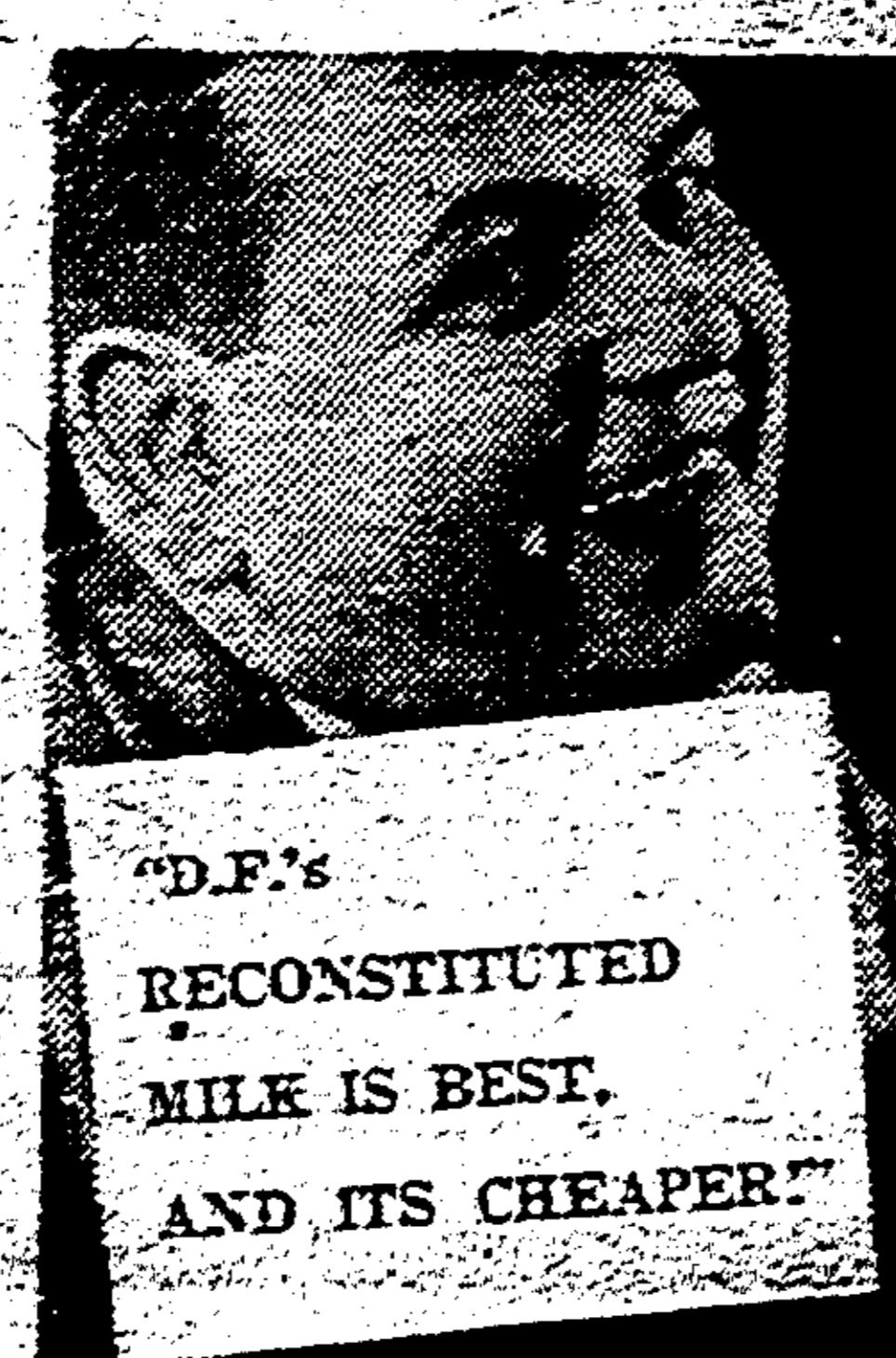
LORD TENNYSON'S LAST TEST RETIRING AT 48

Madras, February 9.—Lord Tennyson, the former England and Hampshire cricket captain, who is leading a touring side in a series of unofficial Test matches against All-India teams, announced here to-day that he would retire from first-class cricket at the end of the fifth and deciding Test which begins at Bombay on Saturday.

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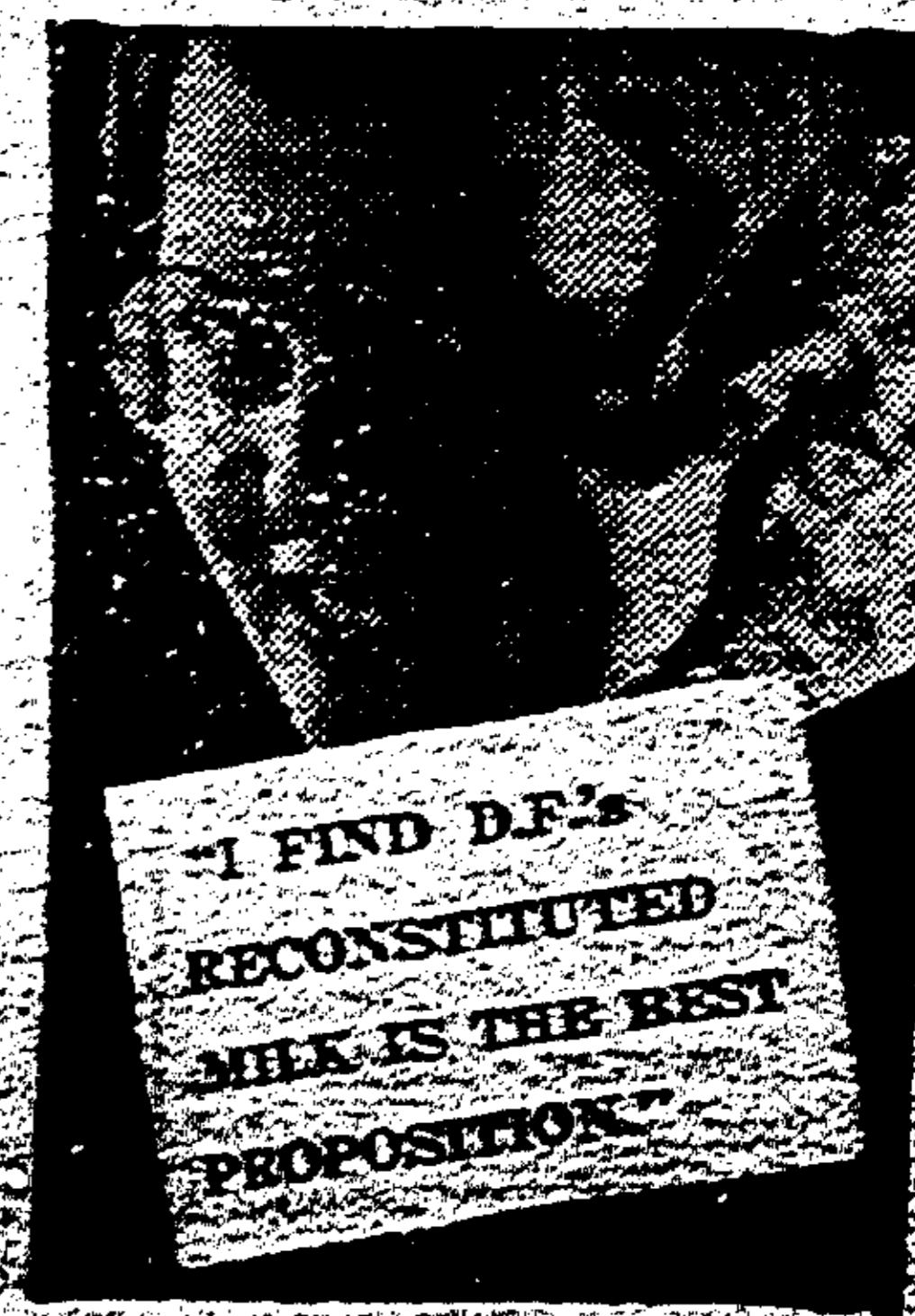
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Zinetta (Geehl).
When The Great Red Dawn Is Shining (Sharpe).
'The Merry Widow'—Selection (Lehar).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
The Land Of Smiles—Selection (Lehar).
London Theatre Orch. conducted by Ernest Irving.
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Hans Fidesser (Tenor).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Dr. D. Y. Lin, Director, Kwangtung Rural Co-operative Commission, and Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, Canton.
Subject: What is Kwangtung doing to conserve her food supply?
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.25 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'All Kinds of People'—5. A New Zealander's experiences in canvassing for a newspaper in Lancashire by Neshitt Sellers.
7.45 p.m.—Studio—'International Women's Day' a talk by Tsu-Dsi Irene Ho.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by the Light Orchestra of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots. (By kind permission of Commanding Officer & Officers).
8.33 p.m.—Schumann—Papillons Op. 2. Played by Alfred Cortot (Piano).
8.46 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).
Music of the Spheres (Knepler-J. Strauss, arr. F. Mittler).
The Shepherd on the Rock (Chevy Schubert).
9.00 p.m.—Military Band Concert.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Variety and Dance Programme.
10.45 p.m.—London Relay—'Arry and Liza in Cockney Cameos.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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11.15 a.m.—Orchestral Music.
11.30 a.m.—'All Kinds of People'—5. A New Zealander's Experiences in Canvassing for a Newspaper in Lancashire.
11.45 a.m.—Chamber Music.
12.15 p.m.—'A Sunny Morning' A comedy.
12.30 p.m.—Harold Sandler and his Viennese Octet.
1.15 p.m.—George Robey and Violet Lorraine.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

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2.30 p.m.—'Songs of the Seasons'—2. Summer.
2.40 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
2.45 p.m.—'Arry and Liza, in Cockney Cameos.
3.00 p.m.—The Torquay Municipal Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Talk: 'Backstage at Bellahouston—The Clachan' Alistair Borthwick reviews progress at the Empire Exhibition.
4.35 p.m.—'The Melody Is There'.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Vulnerable Overcalls

In my opinion, the most dangerous call in Contract Bridge in the hands of the "average" player is the overcall when vulnerable of an opponent's opening bid. (The one possible exception is the psychic bid, which average players rarely employ.) In nearly every case a vulnerable overcall, especially when partner has already passed, is the risking of a considerable penalty in order to save a part-score. It is laying odds of about "ten-to-one against" on what is an even-money chance.

Take this position. North, your partner, and you, sitting South, are vulnerable. North deals and passes; East opens with "One Spade"; and you hold one or other of these hands:

(1)	(2)
S—A 10 9 2	S—9 2
H—K 9	H—K J S
D—J 10 8 3	D—A Q 8
C—A J 3	C—Q 10 9 5 4
(3)	(4)
S—9 2	S—9
H—K Q 9 6	H—K Q 9 6 5 4 2
D—A J 10	D—J 6
C—A Q J 4	C—A J 4

In my experience of average club players, each of those hands would be considered as justifying an overcall, even when vulnerable. But really good players would never risk a vulnerable overcall on two of these hands.

Hand No. 1 has a points-count of 14, and so is close to warranting an opening bid of "One No Trump," if not vulnerable. But to overcall "One Spade" with "One No Trump" after partner has passed would be to tempt Providence. Partner may have a trickless hand, and the other opponent may hold the balance of strength, in which event he will probably double your overcall for penalties. As your hand is almost strong enough to defeat a game-contract, the risk of a 4-trick set—1100 points—is out of all proportion to the potential saving.

Hand No. 2 might be bid at "Two Clubs" over "One Spade" by an opponent. But, again, the risk is not worth while. Game for your side, your partner having passed, is improbable in any suit, and, in any case, your hand is worth three tricks in defence. A 2-trick set may result from an overcall, so it is better to pass.

Hand No. 3 however, justifies a double of the opening "One Spade" bid. Whatever suit partner responds with will probably yield at least a greater than what is lost.

part-score, which is better than allowing the opponents to make a part-score.

And Hand No. 4 calls out for a Heart bid, owing (1) to the attacking distribution, and (2) to the lack of defensive tricks.

Thus it will be seen that a pass is often advisable on a hand containing about 3 honour-tricks, while with only 2 honour-tricks a bid may be preferable.

The following hand occurred in a recent match between the Buchanan Bridge Club and the Troon Nomads. It illustrates the danger of a vulnerable No Trump overcall. South dealt, with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH	
S—9	
H—10 6 4 3	
D—10 7 6 5	
C—A 9 5 3	
WEST	EAST
S—J 6 2	S—AK 7 5 3
H—A Q J 2	H—9 5
D—J 9 3	D—K 8 4 2
C—Q 10 4	C—K 8
SOUTH	
S—Q 10 8 4	
H—K 8 7	
D—A Q	
C—J 7 6 2	

After three passes East opened the bidding with a call of "One Spade." Then South injudiciously overcalled with "One No Trump," which West at once doubled for penalties. In play South—at least at one table—made three tricks only, thereby incurring a penalty of 1100 points on a hand on which opponents cannot make a game-contract against the best defence.

Even when partner has not already passed, the making of vulnerable overcalls is dangerous unless the distribution is most favourable for attack, or there are sufficient honour-tricks to warrant the making of a take-out double. With honour-tricks only, it is usually better to pass than to overcall, for, as has been pointed out, the risk of penalties far outweighs the potential gains.

A safe rule is:—Do not make vulnerable overcalls unless (1) your hand holds out at least a fair chance of game with little support from partner, and (2) your hand lacks the defensive values to defeat an adverse game-contract.

If that rule is followed, an occasional vulnerable game or part-score may be missed, but the saving in penalties will be many times

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C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1938.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.
14, Des Voeux Road Central,
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The late Sir Reginald Fleming Johnston was born in Scotland in 1874, and was unmarried. He was educated at Edinburgh University and Magdalen College, Oxford.

He entered the Hong Kong Civil Service in 1898 and from 1900 to 1902 was Private Secretary to the Governor of the Colony.

From 1899 to 1904 he was Acting Clerk of Councils and Assistant Colonial Secretary, and in 1902 was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

In 1904 began his long connection with China, when he was sent to Weihaiwei, then a British possession, as Secretary to Government. He held this post for two years, and then, from 1906 to 1917, was Senior District Officer and Magistrate. From 1917 to 1918 he administered the Government of Weihaiwei.

TUTOR TO PU YI

A year later he was engaged as tutor to Henry Pu-yi, ex-Boy Emperor of China, and remained in charge of the future Emperor of Manchukuo's education until 1925.

Sir Reginald saved the life of the ex-Emperor in Peiping, when a

plan was made to assassinate the ex-Emperor, whose presence was thought to be a menace to the Republican Government. Pu-Yi was taken to Tientsin, where he lived until the Japanese set him up as Puppet Emperor of Manchukuo.

Sir Reginald tells the story of these events in "Twilight in the Forbidden City."

RENDITION OF WEIHAIWEI

Sir Reginald received the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for his special services. He conducted the negotiations for rendition of Weihaiwei to China on behalf of the British Government in October, 1930.

He was the recipient of the highest Chinese orders, having been awarded the Button of the highest of the nine official grades, and the Sable Court Robe.

In 1924, he was Warden of the Summer Palace in Peiping, and in 1926, Secretary to the British China Indemnity Delegation.

LANGUAGE EXPERT

In 1931, his last year in China, he was Chairman of the Delegation sent to China by the Universities' China Committee.

Returning to England in 1931 he held for six years the posts of Professor of Chinese at London University and Head of the Department of Languages and Cultures of the Far East at the School of Oriental (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

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RELIGIOUS PROCESSION IN MACAO

Macao, Yesterday. Hundreds of Catholics yesterday took part in the annual procession of the "Senhor dos Passos" which wound its way through the streets of Macao and provided visitors with one of the most colourful sights to be seen in this Colony.

Borne on the shoulders of a group of the faithful, a huge figure of Christ on His way to Calvary was carried over a route of nearly three miles, on which the fourteen stations of the cross had been erected at intervals, and returned to the Church of St. Augustine, from whence it was taken yesterday evening to the Church of St. Domingos.

Chief honour for playing the singing part of St. Veronica, the woman of Jerusalem who wiped the perspiration from the face of the cross-bearing Christ, went to Miss Noemí Batalha whose voice was clearly heard at each station despite the huge crowds.

Chief participant in the procession was H.E. the Bishop of Macao, while H.E. the Governor, Dr. Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, with other leading Portuguese officials and their families, was an interested spectator from the balcony of Government House. — Our Own Correspondent

SIX HUNDRED DIE IN SINKING OF BALEARES

Gibraltar, To-day.

The death roll in the sinking of the insurgent cruiser Baleares by a Spanish Government warship, is estimated at 600, including the Admiral, the commander and senior officers.

Heaviness of the death roll is ascribed to the crew's refusal to obey the signals of the British destroyers H.M.S. Kempf and H.M.S. Boreas, to jump overboard.

The destroyers rescued about 200 men wearing lifebelts from its boats. — Reuter.

Studies.

Among the societies of which he was a member were the Royal Asiatic Society, the India Society, the Asiatic Society of Japan, the American Oriental Society and the English Association.

He published many books on China, most famous of which was probably his "Twilight in the Forbidden City." Others of his works were From Peking to Mandalay; Lion and Dragon in Northern China; Buddhist China; A Chinese Appeal to Christendom; Letters to a Missionary; The Chinese Drama and Confucianism and Modern China. — Reuter.

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